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Courteous Reader, the truth I said in the former Editions of this Booke: The desire of a Prayer-Booke in this Volume, was the first motive that made mee gather some Prayers out of diuers mens workes, which were either not common, or out

of Print, and to get some godly Ministers of mine acquaintance, and so make up that Booke of Crums, which I therefore first so called for the manner of gathering. And being desirous to keepe the Title and manner of the Booke, because I see it is well accepted of some good people now to the sixteenth Edition, I haue obtained of a good friend the reuising and correcting of it in many things; who because of the Title, hath thought fit to place in some of the first leaves

leaves, certaine passages of Scripture, by which example thou maiest gather more for like occasions, & for which it may more iustly beare the name of The Crumms of Comfort. To whom I have beene also beholden for some speciall Prayers and Thankes-givings. And though before I used the Letters of their Names out of whose writings I had taken some of the Prayers; Yet now lest any offence should bee taken, I forbeare, wishing

thy true good, and comfort in this and all thou readest: doe rest,

Thine in the Lord,

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What Prayer is.

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PRayer is a serious lifting up of our hearts unto God, in the Name of Christ Iesus, ether to crave needfull things, or to give thanks for things receved.

What time we are to take for Prayer.

2 WE ought alwaies to pray, at leaſt three times a day: In the

Morning, at Noone, and at Night. There are three ſpeciall occaſions for it: The entrance upon the dayes calling: the receiving of Gods creatures for our enabling; going to reſt after our travell. Looke backe in theſe, how God hath preſerved, provided, & bleſſed thee; and they are anſwerable occaſions of prayſe. See *Dan.* 10. and *Pſ* 55 17. *Evening, and Morning, & at Noone wil I prayſe thee.* And in *Pſ* 119. 164. *Seven times a day doe I prayſe thee.* And more the Apoſtle in 1 *Theſ.* 5. 17. ſaith, *Pray continualy*, and Verſ. 18. *In all things give thankes.*

Firſt,

First, prepare thy heart, then seeke the Lord by Prayer.

3 IF thou art to come before a King or great Person, thou wilt consider for what thou commest to him; and wilt order thy selfe in behaviour, apparel, and words, and frame thy selfe to all dutiful reverēce and seemelinesse; Much more order thy selfe to come before thy glorious Creator, the King of Kings, *Eccles. 5.2. Be not rash with thy mouth, nor let not thy heart be hasty to utter a thing before God: for God is in the heavens,*

heavens, and thou art on the Earth, therefore let thy words be few.

What geſture wee are to uſe in Prayer.

4 THe moſt decent, and fitteſt geſture is *kneeling*, and *looking* up to Heaven, eſpecially when wee deſire Mercy, Grace, or any bleſſing to come down upon us: *Groveling*, or *looking* downewards to the Earth, when wee remember and bewaile our ſinfull life paſt, *Acts* 7. 60.

Yet any decent geſture may be uſed, ſo it be comely, & ſerve for our furtherãce in devotion, or better expreſ-

expreſſing our affections. It may be either in going, ſtanding, ſitting, or lying.

We may alſo pray either with voyce, as *David* in his *Pſalmes*: or in ſilence, as *Moſes*, and *Nehemiah*.

Beſides our more ſpeciall *Devotion* at ſet times, wee may uſe *Ejaculations*, at all times upon every occaſion; which are ſhort deſires of the heart, lifted up to God with great fervency,

Why God ſometimes doth not heare our Prayers.

5 FIrſt, becauſe ſomtimes we do aske we know not what, *Mat.* 20. 22.

And Iesus answered & said, Yee aske yee know not what. The things may bee good, but not good or fit for us.

Another reason, because we aske amisse, *Iames* 4. 2. *Yee aske and receive not, because ye aske amisse, that ye may lay the same upon your pleasures.*

God doth also deferre sometimes in that which he will heare, and delayes the granting what wee desire, that he may the more stir up our *Faith* and *Hope*, and make us more carefull and diligent to pray; and that wee may the better esteeme his gifts when we have them; and shew our

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selves more thankefull and obedient unto him for them.

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In thy preparation endeavour to be:

6 FIrst, truely humbled in thy selfe in sight of thy sinnes, and sense of the occasions of thy Prayer.

2. To bee raised up in some comfortable assurãce of Gods mercy in pardoning thy sins, and of his favour to heare and helpe thee through Iesus Christ.

Iames 4. 10. *Humble your selves before the Lord, and he will raise you up.*

A good meanes to helpe us in our preparations, and to ſtir us up to Prayer, would be,

7 FIrſt, a Pious cõſideration of the greatneſſe and goodneſſe of our heauenly Father.

Secondly, a ſenſe of our owne unableneſſe to crave of God his holy Spirit, to aſſiſt us in our Prayers.

Thirdly, the preſent reading, or ſerious (though briefe) meditating on ſom ſuch part of Gods Word, as either maks for our *Humiliation*, or *Faith*, or may come neerer, or concerne

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the ſpeciall occaſion of our Prayers.

Almes and *Faſting* are good means to further our private Devotions as well as the more publike, as we may ſee, *Acts* 10.

Some ſpecial paſſages of Gods word gathered up, whereout the poore Soule that is not more able to provide by his own skil, or hath not alwayes at hand better ſtore, may picke ſome comfort, & gather ſome ſtrength.

FOR humiliation in ſight of thine owne ſinnes, meditate on theſe and ſuch like places.

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John 9. 1. God heareth not sinners.

Pro, 1. 24. Because I have called, and ye refused, I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded:

Vers. 28. Then they shall cal upon me, but I will not answer: They shall seeke me early, but they shall not find me.

Isay 1. 14, 15. Bring no more oblations in vaine; when you shall stretch out your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: and though you make many prayers, I will not heare: For your hands are full of blood.

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To helpe the Repentants Faith by the Mercy and Grace of God in Christ, meditate on these, and such like places.

1 *Iohn* 2. 1. *These things write I unto you, that you sin not: And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Iesus Christ the righteous, and he is the Propitiation, for our sinnes.*

Isay 1. 16. *Wash you, make you cleane, take away the evill of your works from before mine eyes: Cease to doe evill, learne to doe well: Come now, let us reason, &c.*

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1 Cor. 6. 11. *Such were some of you, but ye are washed but yee are sanctified, but yee are justified in the Name of the Lord Iesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

Rom. 33, 34. *Who shall lay any thing to the charge of Gods chosen? It is God that justifieth, who shall condemne?*

Heb. 10. 22. *Let us draw neere with a true heart, in assurance of Faith, our hearts being pure from an evill Conscience.*

1 *Iohn* 5. 14, 15. *And this is that assurãce that we have in him, that if wee aske any thing according to his will, he heareth us. And if we know*

¶ *that*

that hee heareth us whatsoever we aske, we know that we have the Petitions which we have desired of him.

Math. 11. 28. *Come unto me all yee that are weary and laden, and I will ease you.*

Psal. 50. 15. *Call upon me, in the day of trouble; so will I deliver thee, and thou shalt glorifie me.*

Eccles. 7. 14. *In the day of affliction consider.*

Heb. 12. 10. *Hee chasteneth us for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holinesse.*

Verse 11, *Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grevous: But afterwards it bringeth the*

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quiet fruit of Righteousnesse, unto them which are thereby exercised.

Iames 1.4. Let patience have her perfect worke, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing.

Psalme 126.5. They that sow in teares, shall reape in joy.

Rom. 15.4. Whatsoever was written afore-time, was written for our learning, that by patience and comfort of the Scripture, wee might have hope.

Rom. 8.36. The Spirit helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what to pray as wee ought; but the Spirit it selfe maketh request for us, with

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sighes which cannot be expressed.

Gal. 4. 6. *God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Sonne into your hearts, which cryeth,* Abba Father.

Holy Sentences, containing usefull matter for Meditation.

1 FIrst, in the multitude of the sorrows of my heart, thy Comforts have refreshed my Soule.

2. Be not dismaid having nothing, bee thou the Servant of God, and thou hast more than the Lords of the Earth in their great possessions.

3. If thou beeſt truely godly, thou ſhalt never fall into extreme miſery.

4. Godlineſſe brings contentatation, and being contented, thy wealth exceeds the Treaſures of the Mighty.

5. Earthly Iewels are as Chaffe or duſt, for Riches flie away with the wings of the wind, but the graces o'th Spirit remain for ever.

6. Wouldeſt thou have thy Children thrive after thee, & leave them a good eſtate; looke not to thy Cheſt, or Bagges, or ſtore of Land which thou haſt to leave them. But be thou Vertuous, Godly, and Religious,

ligious, and God will bee the bringer up of thy children, and prepare a portion for them.

7. True bleſſedneſſe doth not conſiſt in great wealth, but they which hunger after righteouſneſſe, ſhall be ſatisfied.

8. *Lazarus* went from Poverty to Riches, and *Dives* from Riches to Poverty.

9. Howle yee Rich-men, for the Canker and Ruſt of your Gold and Silver ſhall one day witneſſe againſt you.

10. Godlineſſe beginnes with Wants, Sorrowes, Sadneſſe, ſting of Conſci-

ence, Losses, poverty, Af-
fliction of Soule, Dejection
of Spirit, Penitency for
Sinnes: These be the Har-
bingers of Heaven.

11. The rich hath plea-
sure, the poore paine in this
World: But the Rich are
tormented, and the poore
comforted in the world to
come.

12. My Sonne take heed
to thy owne heart. For thy
heart is deceitfull, and may-
wel be called the great Im-
postor of the world.

13. The Righteous finde
the way sooner to Heaven
in Prison, than the Prince
in his Palace.

14. Never feare what

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God doth againſt thee, but rather bee affraid what thou doeſt againſt God.

15. Croſſes to the Godly reclaime them, croſſes to the wicked conſume them

16. Perſecutions in their owne natures are curſes, but if we put them to the beſt uſe, they are bleſſings. For through the Valley of Teares, wee come to the Hill of Ioy.

17. He that will not ſeeke GOD in proſperity, the Lord will not be found of him in adverſity: For how can we looke that GOD ſhould ſerve us, if wee doe not ſerve him?

18. Make not Religion

the Cloake and colour for deceit. For then thou wilt find thy selfe deceived, and God will disappoint thy presumption.

19. The Law of Nature concurres with the Law of God. *Doe to all, as thou would'st bee dealt withall* and then thou maist expect a blessing upon all thou takest in hand.

20. As one Lamp light many, and gives ten times more than it hath it selfe and loseth none of his owne light: so one Godly man by his good example makes many more; alwaies maintaining good to himselfe, and assisting others.

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21. If thou be so sinfull a sinner as not to thinke of sinne, and of thy Death, and Resurrection: Remember thy owne Conscience shall at last accuse thee: For as a man dies, and Wormes are bred in the dead carkasse to consume it; so the Worme of thy Conscience shall come to testifie against thee at the last Day.

22. When thou art ready to commit a sinne, thinke God stands before thee to perswade thee from it, the Divel behind thee to drive thee to it, thy owne Conscience in the middest to terrifie thee after it, the Heavens above to witnesse

againſt it, the earth below to ſwallow thee for it: Therefore pray ſtedfaſtly that thou mayeſt bee delivered from it.

23. Conſider the Flower of the Field, how it flouriſheth in the Spring, and dyeth in the Winter, and yet riſeth to his former luſter; So remember thy life, thy Death, and at laſt thy Reſurrection.

24. Whereſoever thou goeſt, rideſt, and remaineſt, if thou bee alone, take one of theſe Companions to thee; Either thy Prayer-Booke, or thy Bible, good thoughts, or charitable workes: for theſe foure are

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the fittest Companions thou canst have to be with thee in any occasions whatsoever.

Let thy Prayer be thus framed.

First, confesse thy sinnes.
Secondly, crave Faith.
Thirdly, desire Repentance.
Fourthly, Perseverance in good.
Fifthly, direction for a good life.
Sixtly, for the Church and family.
Seventhly, Thanks-giving for all benefits received.

The Readers Prayer, for the right use of this, or some other helpe of Devotion.

¶ *MOst gracious Lord, which knowest the grievous sins, and manifold infirmities of thy poore and unworthy Servant: give me accesse unto thy Throne of Grace by Christ Jesus, and grant that what-so I aske of thee, may bee to the Glory of thy Name, the good of thy people, comfort and salvation of mine owne Soule. Also grant mee so to make use of this*

this and other helpes of Devotion, that in and by them, I may chiefely seeke for, and stir up the grace of thy holy Spirit, whereby I may in heart cry Abba Father *to thy Heavenly Majesty: that so thou mayest looke on mee as thy child, and powre on me thy Grace, whereby I may bee enabled to shew my selfe thy servant here, and be accepted among thy Children in Heaven, through Iesus Christ*

Amen.

PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS.

12.

A Morning Prayer at our first rising from sleepe.

Heavenly Father of all Light the true Sunshine, so open my heart with this the opening of my eyes, that it may still bee so fixed on thee, that this day, and all the

the reſt of my life, I may find comfort and conſolation in thee: And grant moſt mercifull Father, as thou haſt beene my Keeper this night, for which I give thee moſt humble and hearty thankes, ſo thou mayſt bee my guider and comfort this day, and all the dayes of my life. Grant this, good God, and mercifull Father, for Ieſus Chriſt his ſake, our Lord and Saviour, *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

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Another Morning Prayer.

13 O Most gracious God and loving Father, we heartily thank thee for all thy loving kindnesses so abundantly shewed upon us: For our Election, Creation, Redemption, merciful Vocation, Justification, Sanctification, and continuall Preservation, and for the same assured, & most comfortable Hope which thou hast given us of our Glorification in the World to come. We praise thy gracious goodnesse, for so mercifully preserving us this

this present night, and delivering us from all dangers both of soule and body, for that thou hast given us so sweet and comfortable rest, and hast at this present brought us to the beginning of this day. And as thou hast safely preserved us unto this present houre, from all dangers of this life: So we beseech thee to continue this thy favour toward us this day, and the whole course of our life. Suffer us not by vaine allurements of this world, to be drawne away into sinne and wickednesse, assist us with thy grace and holy Spirit, that wee spend not

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our time vainely or idlely, but that wee may alwayes be diligently exercised in the duties of our calling, to the benefit of our brethren, and discharge of our conscience: Grant that in all our consultations, words and workes, we may ever have thee present before our eyes, through Iesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art, &c.

A Prayer to be said when we wash in the Morning.

14 O Lord GOD, heavenly Father, wash away

away, I beſeech thee, our ſins, cleanſe us from our iniquities, purge our hearts, and purifie us wholly with thy Grace: and as this watery Element waſheth off the filth from our Bodies: ſo wee beſeech thee, ſend downe thy heavenly grace, to waſh & cleanſe our ſoules from ſin, and grant we may keepe them this day free from all ſpots of uncleanenesſe, and all manner of wickedneſſe: Grant this, O gracious God, we beſeech thee, and for Chriſt Ieſus ſake, who therefore came to take away the ſinnes of the world, heare and have mercy upon us. *Amen.*

A Noone Prayer.

15 O Lord GOD, glorious in Majesty, strong in power, mighty in deliverance: I poore Worme, dust and ashes of the Earth, present my selfe before thee, most intirely thanking thee for preserving mee this part of this day past: and now I intreat thee to preserve me the rest of it comming, and grant I may so carry my selfe in all my affaires and occasions, that I may finde my selfe directed by thy heavenly Wisedome, and thy good providence over me; And

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to that purpose (O Lord) let mee have thy feare before mine eyes, thy helpe and assistance to lead me in the waies of godlines, righteousnesse, and all true holinesse. Keepe me, O Lord, from sin and wickednesse, and prosper and preserve me in all happines the rest of this day comming, and through the whole course of my life, I beseech thee for Christ Iesus sake,

Amen.

A Prayer before Meat.

16 *O Lord God, blesse and sanctifie, we beseech thee, these thy good Creatures,*

tures, which thou haſt provided for our nourishment, make them fit food for our bodies, that by the ſtrength of them we may be quickned, and made more apt and able to ſerve thee: and grant, O Lord, that as we are carefull to provide food for our Bodies, ſo wee may much more labour for the heavenly Bread and be carefull to gather of the Crummes of Comfort which fal from thy Table, that both our Soules and bodies being fully ſatisfied, we may be made wholly fit to ſerve thee both now and ever, and walke acceptably before thee, till thou bring us to the place where we ſhall never

never hunger nor thirst more, but live eternally, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen.

God forgive us our sins, increase our Faith, & give us grace to bring forth the right fruits of faith, *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving after Meate.

17 O *Lord, we give thee hearty thanks, for al thy blessings and benefits bestowed upon us, and beseech thee that as thou dost clothe our Bodies, and now hast also fed them with corporall Food, so thou wilt cover our Soules with thy heavenly graces, and*

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nouriſh them with the food of thy holy Word. And grant (O Lord God) that as thou haſt beene mindfull of us in ſatisfying our hunger, and ſupplying our wants, wee may bee mindful of our poore brethren in affoording them ſuch comfort, as our ability can performe: And that wee may ſtill enjoy both theſe temporall and Spirituall bleſſings, wee pray thee continue thy goodneſſe towards us, keepe and defend thy Church, with every part and member of the ſame; Save our King, and this Land, and helpe thy diſtreſſed People, and ſuch as ſtand in need of any comforts. Wee beſeech thee ſuccour all

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poore people, and such as be in any want: Repleniſh the ſad heart with joy, releaſe the Priſoners, relieve the Fatherleſſe, and Widdowes, and ſend us alſo ſuch grace, that the rich may remember the affliction of Ioſeph, and the poore bee contented with the portion which thou haſt appointed, and that we all may hunger and thirſt after righteouſneſſe, and bee ſatisfied according to thy Promiſe: Grant this (O Lord God) for Jeſus Chriſts ſake, to whom with thee, and thy ſanctifying Spirit, both now and evermore, be all thankes, praiſe, and glory. Amen.

An Evening Prayer.

18 O MOST gracious Lord God, and loving Father, wee heartily thanke thee for all thy loving kindnes so abundantly shewed towards us: For our Election, Creation, Redemption, mercifull Vocation, Iustification, Sanctification, continuall preservation, and for that same assured and most comfortable hope, which thou hast given us of our Glorification in the World to come. We doe Prayse thy gracious goodnes for so mercifully preserving us this present day

day, and delivering us from perils and dangers, both of body & Soule; for prospering, and preserving us in health and prosperity, for keeping us from sudden death and all dangers, and giving us al things necessary for this present life; as Health, Food, Apparell, and all other convenient things needfull. This gracious goodnesse of thine, we beseech thee (O Lord) to continue towards us for ever. And here O Lord God, we offer up unto thee our selves and ours, our Soules, our bodies; we recommend our lives, our meanes, and all we have,

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unto thy gracious preſer-
vation and protection, in
aſſurance that that cannot
periſh which is cõmitted
unto thee: Keepe us this
night in ſafety, and grant
good Lord that our bodies
may ſleepe, and our ſoules
may watch for the cõming
of our Saviour, thy Sonne
Ieſus Chriſt, that ſo our
Soules and Bodies may bee
more apt and able to ſerve
thee in that eſtate & calling
wherein thou haſt though
good to place us. We con-
feſſe and acknowledge (O
merciſull God) that we are
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as by the course of our evil and naughty life; We have and doe daily breake and transgresse thy most holy Lawes & Commandements both in thought, word, and deed. By the meanes of this sin and corruption, we doe continually deserve most just condemnation, and to be for ever cast out of thy presence; Yet such is thy goodnesse towards us, that thou wouldest not suffer us thus to perish in our sinnes, but hast sent thy own deare Sonne, Christ Iesus, to take upon him whatsoever is due to us, and to reconcile and make us one with thee againe. In him therefore

and through him, we come unto thee, beſeeching thee for his ſake, that we feeling the grievouſneſſe of our ſinnes, and groaning under the burthen of them, may find the releaſe and eaſe of them, in that wee, through thy holy Spirit, ſtedfaſtly beleeve that Chriſt hath borne the burthen of them even for us. Grãt (O Lord) that we being aſſured hereof in our Conſcience, may through thy holy Spirit be renewed with more graces; and hate, deteſt, and abhor all manner of ſin, and ſtudy to live in all things according to thy bleſſed will, during our whole life.

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Grant this (O Father) for Iesus Christ his sake.
Amen.

Lord increase our faith.
Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

A Meditation at Midnight.

19 GRacious Lord, under whose protection wee rest; when wee awake, give us leave to thinke of thee, let us in our Dreames draw neerer to thee, doe thou prepare us for thee, and let us never be taken unprovided, but

(with the wiſe Virgins) ready, whenſoever thou ſhalt call us, to goe with thee. And ſo we recõmend our ſelves,& Soules, and all unto thee,through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord.

Amen.

A Morning Prayer for Servants.

20 O Moſt gracious and merciful,glorious, and everlaſting Father, which createdſt Light and Darkeneſſe, which haſt made al things,and governeſt and guideſt all things;

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I poore, wretched, miſerable and wicked ſinner, caſt my ſelfe down here before thy glorious Throne; begging, craving, and beſeeching thee, even for Chriſt Ieſus ſake, to looke downe upon me poore, & diſtreſſed wretch, with pitty and compaſſion, to pardon, forgive and forget all my ſins, actuall & originall, omiſſions and commiſſions, or whatſoever: All, (O Lord God) that I have committed againſt thee in thought word, or deed: O pardon them, I beſeech thee, bury them in the depth of the Sea. O Lord, open the ſtreames of thy Mercy,

powre downe the ſhowres of thy Grace: quell the ill imaginations and wicked thoughts of my mind; Settle aſſured Faith in my Conſcience; fill my heart with thy heavenly graces; grant in all my Service, I may bee thy true Servant, and ſo for thee, may doe true ſervice to my Maſter and Miſtris, that in all duties, I may bee pleaſing and acceptable to them; that with all ſingleneſſe and ſincerity of heart, I may doe all things, and deale uprightly in all I take in hand; and that at the laſt, I may heare with comfort that joyfull ſaying: *Well done,*

thou

thou good and faithfull Servant, enter into the reſt and joy of thy heavenly Maſter: which grant moſt gracious GOD, for Ieſus Chriſts ſake, *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

An Evening Prayer for a Servant.

21 O Lord God, I give thee moſt hearty thankes for that thou haſt granted mee grace to paſſe this day quietly, in doing my duty towards my Ma-

ſter, grant I may paſſe this night in quiet ſleep: keepe me, (O Lord) ſet a watch over me, let thy good Angels guard mee, and grant me ſuch ſweet & comfortable reſt, that I may be refreſhed in the morning, and made fit to ſerve and obey thee, and alſo to ſerve and pleaſe my Maſter in all uprightneſſe & diligence. Let me ever bee employed in thy ſervice, and grant that ſleeping and waking, I may be acceptable to thee, through Ieſus Chriſt, in whom I take my reſt, and commend my ſelfe, this Houſe, and all my good Friends, and all thy People,

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now, and for ever, to thy gracious and powerfull preſervation and protection, *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

A Prayer for Children.

22 O Eternal God, Creator and Governor of all things, Father of our Lord Ieſus Chriſt, and in him our gracious Father: we thy poore children beſeech thee to give us thy Fatherly & heavenly bleſſing, to take us into thy holy government, to ſpread

the wings of thy protection over us: but first of all we doe here confesse, that we were conceived in sin, and brought forth in iniquity; And by reason of our originall corruption, drawn from the loynes of our Parents, wee are apt to every thing that is evill, averse to any thing that is good. Being now in the beginning of our dayes, wee are ready to begin to sinne, and now in our tender yeeres, are strong enough to act wickednesse. Here therefore doe we prostrate our selves before thee, with this humble petition, that thou would'st bee pleased,

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to mortifie the corruption, and to ſuppreſſe the rebellion of our proud Nature: to ſubdue our carnall luſts, to over-rule our unruly wills, to bring into order our irregular affections, to ſeaſon our hearts with thy Grace, and to plant in us ſuch a feare of thy Name, that we may never depart from thee. Regenerate us with thy holy Spirit, that we may be borne againe: and have our ſoules bathed in the bloud of thy Sonne, as well as our bodies were waſhed with water in Baptiſme. Baptize us into the death of Chriſt, that wee may dye unto ſin; make us

to feele the vertue of his Reſurrection, that we walk in newneſſe of life. Catechize us out of thy holy Word, that it may bee a Light to our Feete, and a Lantorne to our Pathes: and frame us to the reſpective entertainmẽt of their wholeſome counſell, who are able to inſtruct us. Preſerve our Parents and Governours, whom thou haſt ſet over us, that they may bring us up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; And plant in us obedience unto them, and a care of ſhewing all due reverence not onely to them, but alſo to all our Elders

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and Betters, that are before us. Make us circumspect in all our wayes, conscionable in our walking, and very wary with what persons we converse. Worke in us betimes both a desire and endeavour to serve thee; grant that we may remember thee our Creator in the daies of our youth, that we may then set our selves to thy worship, when we are best able to performe it. Make us daily to dye unto sinne, hourely to live unto righteousnesse, and grow in grace like young Plants, & never to leave growing till we come to be tall Cedars in the Paradise of God,

God, even perfect men in Christ Iesus. In whose sweet Name wee begge at thy hands these, and all other blessings which thou knowest to be needfull for us; not doubting but that for his sake, who commanded children to be brought unto him, favorably imbraced them and graciously blessed them; thou also wilt receive, imbrace, and blesse us now comming unto thee. So be it, O Father, for the merits of that thy deare Sonne, who (with thee and thy holy Spirit) be praysed and magnified now and evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Sunday Morning.

23 O MOST Gracious Lord God, with a trembling heart and feareſull Conſcience, and watry plaints and bended knees, I here poore dejected wretch proſtrate my ſelfe at thy Throne of Mercy. O Lord I thank thee that thou haſt brought this weeke about with me, helping me with al things which were needfull for my Body. Now, O Lord, fit and prepare my Soule and Body for thy Sabath. I confeſſe this night paſt, and all my life, thou haſt

haſt bin my refuge and ſtay. Bee unto mee (O Lord) as thou haſt bin, ſtill my Protector, my everlaſting Defence, my Stay, my Guide, my Hope, my Hold, my ſtrong Fortreſſe, to which I may alwaies reſort: And as thou haſt appointed this Sabbath day for man to employ himſelfe in thy ſervice; ſo (O Lord) grant my heart to be free, and to reſt from all worldly cares, and wholly to be ſpent and ſetled upon thee. Grant I may apply my ſelfe to learne wiſedome and godlineſſe. Sanctifie my Soule, my Body, my Minde, Thoughts. Deeds, and Words. Lord

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fit and prepare my heart to heare, reade, practiſe, and follow thy Word; and as thou haſt appointed thy preachers to Preach and inſtruct us this day in thy Word; ſo open our hearts, and prepare our ſenſes to Purity and Godlineſſe, that we may be alwayes ready prepared for thy kingdom. Grant unto us, that neither this day, nor at any time, any evill may take hold of us, but that all good may be ſo rooted in our heartes and mindes, that our thoughts may alwayes bee of thee. And (Lord) wee beſeech thee to grant us grace ſo to read and hearken to thy

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Word, that wee may reape profit thereby in all things. Grant thy good Angels to guard us, and to be about us, that Satan may not hinder any good worke in us: And grant that wee may spend this wole day in the workes of Sanctification, in publique and private prayse and thankesgiving to thy glory, and our comfort, and Soules health, through Christ our Mediator and Redeemer, and by the helpe of the holy Spirit our Sanctifier,

Amen.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

A Prayer for Sunday Night.

24 *PRepare, O Lord, our hearts to Prayer; O LORD open our mouthes, and let our lips shew forth thy praise. Settle our affections upon thee; Grant unto us* (or me) *our requests; Bend and prepare us for thy service LORD, we beseech thee.*

OOur everlasting and loving Father, mercifull good God, Creator, Guider, Defender, Protector, Governor, and Maker of all things, which created the light & darknes,

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who prepared the Seas, and founded the dry Land, who hast made Man, and given him wit, senses and understanding, to bee a second meanes to helpe himselfe by thee; Looke downe we beseech thee, upon all miserable distressed sinners, more especially upon us; and grant unto us pardon for all our sinnes, Actuall and Originall; sinnes of Omission, or Commission, Imagination, or any way whatsoever. O Lord, pardon them, quit and free us from all punishment; let them not bee horror unto our Conscience, nor terror to our Soules, but wash and

cleanse us: O Lord free and quit them from us, let them not come as a Iudge to condemne us, nor chooſe our ſins as a Iury to overthrow us; but (O Lord) bury them, caſt them behinde thee, forget and forgive them, and we beſeech thee not to call us to account for them. Let not miſchiefe fall upon us nor our Children: we intreat thee, let not miſery come neere unto us, but bleſſe and keepe us we beſeech thee, now and for ever. Lord, we beſeech thee to bleſſe the Word which wee have heard preached unto us this day, and alſo that which wee have read,

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bleſſe & ſanctifie the ſame unto us, Lord, we begge of thee. Bleſſe likewiſe thy whole Church diſtreſſed, diſperſed, and deſpiſed, helpe and relieve it in due time, and comfort all that be in danger; build it up where it is new begun, as namely in *Virginia*, *New-England*, *Summer-Ilands*, the *Eaſt* and *Weſt-Indies*. Lord bleſſe the meanes provided for the furtherance of the ſame: and we deſire thee to call home the *Indians* in thoſe parts, the *Atheiſts*, *Heretikes*, and *Papiſts* of this Land, and elſewhere, and all others, that they may ſee their Error

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and blindneſſe; The wilfull blinded *Iewes*, good Lord call them to fulfill the number of thy Church. O mercifull Father, wee intreat thee to relieve and releaſe all poore priſoners and Captives wherſoever; alſo all that are troubled in minde, thoſe whoſe conſcience is laden with griefe for their ſins, Lord eaſe and relieve them; poore *Idiots*, *fooliſh* or *franticke* perſons, reſtore their ſenſes, wits, and underſtanding: & grant as thou haſt left them to be as it were examples unto us, to feare and tremble at thy judgement in them, ſo grant us (O Lord) to have

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the more care to feare and obey thee. Likewiſe comfort all fatherleſſe *Children*, *Widdowes*, or poore oppreſſed *Servants*, all *Captives*, oppreſſed by *Slavery*, *Tyranny*, or *Miſery*; put a period and an end unto their griefes, or elſe (Lord) give them hearts to beare them patiently. And now, O Lord, we intreat thee to receive us into thy protection, keepe us, O Lord, from ſudden *Death*, *Fires*, and *Theeves*, *Stormes*, *Tempeſts*, and all *Affrightments*; ſuccour and relieue us in all needs and dangers, & ſend thy good Angels to guard us. Now O Lord, we return

with all thankes and praiſe unto thee; and thy holy Name for all thy bleſſings unto this preſent, ſo continue wee beſeech thee, thy love unto us: Wee have deſerved thy *Curſe*, thou inſtead thereof hatt given us thy *Bleſſing*; ſo continually O LORD, powre downe thy bleſſings, and ſo bleſſe us with heavenly bleſſings, that we may feele and find thy true comforts. Alſo bleſſe us with earthly bleſſings, that we may be helpfull to others that feele want or need. Grant theſe and all good things, even for Chriſts ſake; our Lord and Saviour; *Amen.*

A Soliloquy for Sunday at Midnight.

25 LOrd how long shall it bee before I celebrate the Sabbath of a true rest in thee? The world seekes to destroy me, the divel to devour me, the Flesh to deceive me; come to my ayde Lord, and I shall be in safety. Every one desires joy and comfort, Lord let me find thee my onely joy and comfort. I come and yeeld my soule into thy hands, thou art my Father, dispose of me as it pleaseth thee: come Lord Jesus, for I come to thee; stay with me, I am willing to abide with thee; ayde and support

and remaine with mee this night, and for ever, rest with my thoughts:
Amen.

A Morning Prayer for Munday.

26 O LORD GOD, which madeſt the Heavens, the Earth, the Sea, Man, Fiſh, Birds, and Beaſts, and all things: We poore diſtreſſed Sinners full of ſinne and iniquity, preſume to bring unto thee our wounded ſoules for to cure: our ſins and wickedneſſe have wounded us, our tranſgreſſions have taken hold upon us, we are even

laden with filth, wee daily provoke thy anger, weeke after weeke, day after day, houre after houre, and every minute wee transgresse by thought, word, or deed; we promise amendment, but daily runne on in our course of wickednesse, wee have no minde of heavenly things, but the Divell, the World, & the Flesh haunt us in all our thoughts at all times: Nay, in our very Prayers they betray us, and carry our mindes another way: Yet Lord, thou hast spared us this weeke past, and all the rest of our lives: so we beseech thee to spare us this weeke comming,

and all the time we have to live. And as we now begin the weeke, ſo grant (good God) we may begin with new ſpirituall Graces, to feare, ſerve, and obey thee all the dayes of our life. Keepe us O LORD, from ſudden death, temptation, tribulation, perſecution, and affliction; proſper our Workes, our Labours, our paines; bee with us at the beginning, proceeding, and ending in our Vocation and calling; grant we may deale uprightly, and let the carriage of our Affaires bee ſo pleaſing unto thee, that they may draw downe thy bleſſings upon us; keepe

us, we pray thee, this week following, thriving in our eſtates, and religious in our cariage, alwaies meditating of good for thy Glory, the Church, and the Commonwealth: ſo that whatſoever wee lay our hands unto, thou wilt bend our hearts to the ſame, ſo it bee to thy Praiſe and Glory. Receive us, mercifull Father, into thy protection, and grant us theſe graces and all comforts that are, may, or can be for our furtherance to Salvation, even for thy onely Sonnes ſake, CHRIST IESVS our LORD, to whom with thee and thy Holy Spirit,

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be all Praiſe, Honour, and Glory, now and for ever, *Amen.*

Our Father which art, &c.

An Evening Prayer for Munday.

27 O LORD, which art our God, we intreat thee upon the bended knees of our bodies, to accept this our Evening Sacrifice of Thankeſgiving and Praiſe. Wee thanke thee, O Lord GOD, for keeping us this day paſt, and all the reſt of our life; for giving us food, raimẽt,

health and prosperity, for keeping us now and ever from sudden death, and all other miseries; so wee beseech thee, O Lord God to keepe us this night comming in peace and quietnes both in body and goods: Grant good God, unto us quiet rest and sleep; keepe us from al evil whatsoeuer wee humbly intreat thee, and set thy good Angels as a guard and watch over us, that wee may enjoy the sweet rest and comfort of this night, that we may be the better able to goe on in thy service: and grant that when wee wake, wee may wake with the joy of thy

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Holy Spirit, & be so settled in the true assurance of thy gracious protection, that we may daily find and feele some comforts of thy heavenly Graces in our hearts with joy and comfort. Grant this deare Father, for Christ Iesus sake, our Lord and Saviour

Amen.

Our Father, &c.

A Morning Prayer for Tuesday.

28 WE intreat thee, most mercifull Father, to accept our Pray-

ers & ſupplications which wee ſhall offer before thy Divine Majeſty: wee confeſſe & acknowledge thou mighteſt have powred down juſtly thy judgement and indignation upon us: In Iuſtice thou mighteſt have taken us this night paſt in our ſleepe, and plunged us ſuddenly into hell and perpetuall deſtruction; Yet in mercy thou haſt ſpared us O Lord God, wee heartily thanke thee, that of thy great bounty thou haſt kept us ſafe this night, and brought us to the beginning of this day: now ſpare us good Lord, ſpare us we beſeech thee, & as thou haſt

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ever beene our defence, ſo we beſeech thee defend & protect us hereafter, that we may become thy faithfull ſervants and followers. Bleſſe we beſeech thee, this day and for ever, all our ſtudies, labours, & travels, further our endeavours, bleſſe us in our trading, helpe us in our neceſſities, and guide us in our wayes, ayde us in all good works, preſerve us from all ſin and wickedneſſe, and deliver us in all temptations: bleſſe we beſeech thee, our whole houſhold, and all about us, be merciſull to our friends and foes, leſſen the number of our foes, increaſe the

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number of our friends, bleſſe our neighbours, grant unity, concord, and love betwixt them and us; keep them and us, and all about us, now and for ever. Grant us good Lord, full pardon of our finnes, and true and lively hope in thy mercies, through Chriſt our Saviour, *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

An Evening Prayer for Tueſday.

29 HEavenly God, and mercifull Father, aſſiſt

assist us in our prayers, and grant us our requests, wee humbly intreat thee: Looke downe O LORD, looke downe wee beseech thee, and grant our requests. We thanke thee that thou hast kept and preserved us this day and all the rest of our lives to this present, in health and prosperity, and given good successe to our travels & studies. Mercifull Father, we intreat thee that as thou hast kept us this day past, so we beseech thee to keep us this night comming: and as thou hast appointed times and seasons, as this to bee the second night in this weeke, so we

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beſeech thee, ſet a ſecond watch over our Soules and bodies, that we commit no ſinne in thought, nor deed: Grant us quiet ſleepe, comfortable reſt; keep and defend us from ſudden death, and feareful affrightments, danger of fire or tempeſts, diſturbance by Theeves, or any other dangers whatſoever: and grant as we now lie downe to reſt in bed, ſo we may remember the reſt of our bodies in the Grave til it pleaſe thee to raiſe us. Bleſſe this night and for ever, all that bee forced to travell by Land or Water, all poore Souldiers that keepe Watch and Ward,

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and wee beſeech thee ſo to watch & wake with them and us, that we may riſe in the morning to give praiſe and thankes unto thee, through Chriſt Ieſus our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

A Morning Prayer for Wedneſday.

30 O Eternall, mercifull, and loving Father, I intreat thee to look down upon mee, wicked & wretched ſinner, and to grant my requeſt; O Lord, I give thee

thee humble and hearty thankes, for keeping mee this night past, and that thou hast safely brought me to the beginning of this day: defend me, O Lord, in the same, and grant I may spend this day to thy glory, my comfort, and the good example of all that are about me. O Lord, I beseech thee, bee unto me a Guide and Protector over my wayes, workes, and words; that I shall walke, doe, or speake this day, and all the rest of my life. Grant I may wholly dedicate my selfe unto thee, and strive to live more godly & purely, and alwaies study to feare, serve

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and obey thee, and to set forth thy praise; that I may find thy favour, mercy, and goodnesse, showred, and powred upō me both now and for ever hereafter: Grant this deare God, and mercifull Father, as wee begge in that prayer which thou hast taught us, saying, *Our Father, &c.*

An Evening Prayer for Wednesday.

31 O MOST gracious God and heavenly Father, renew I beseech thee my strength to praier: As the Eagle reneweth his

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age, so let mee renew in grace. O LORD, I Beseech thee, accept this Evening prayer for all thy mercies: I have sinned (O LORD) against thee, in thought word and deed, this day, and all the daies of my life, I have done wickedly, in so much that I am ashamed to confesse my sinnes; Yet thou hast spared mee this day, and all my life past. O LORD, I beseech thee, if I have done any thing this day, or at any other time heretofore, that hath beene displeasing unto thee, pardon it, I beseech thee, forgive it, I intreat thee, forget it, I desire thee, and finally

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quit and free mee from the punishment of the same: O LORD, blesse and keepe mee this Night, and this House where I am; & each of us, from all bodily and ghostly Enemies, from all ill dreames, and fantasies, and suggestions of the Devill, from all stormes and tempests, from fire, sudden death, and danger, good LORD deliver us all, and grant wee may rise in the Morning to praise thee, through Iesus Christ our LORD,

Amen.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

A Prayer at any time in the Night, in the time of danger or feare.

32 O *LORD, what shall I doe? Whither shall I flie? Where shall I be safe, but with thee? Take mee, receive me, keepe, and defend me, now and for ever. O Lord give me quiet rest and sleepe, and protect me, and grant me and this House comfort in thee this Night, and for evermore.*

Amen.

A Morning Prayer for Thursday.

33 O Heavenly Father, and good GOD, raise and rowse up my dull Senses. As the Morning *Larke* flieth up with sweet singing, still looking upwards towards thee; So, O LORD, grant my heart, eyes, and affections, and all may bee lift up unto thee. O LORD, it is thy Mercy that hath kept mee this night past, & brought me to the beginning of this day, I give thee hearty thankes for the same; So, O Lord, guide and governe me this

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day, that I may walke uprightly in all my dealings, be true and juſt in all my doings, and give mee the ſanctification of thy Holy Spirit, to find and feele thy helpe in the uſe of proſperity, and health, and happineſſe that ſhall tend to the ſetting forth of thy Prayſe and Glory, that I may ſo enjoy the benefit of this day, that I may finde and feele thy comfort through Ieſus Chriſt our onely Lord and Saviour, *Amen.*

An Evening Prayer for Thurſday.

35 OMoſt Omnipotent God, and heavenly Father, moſt glorious Creator, I intreat thee to grant my requeſt, and accept this my Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Thankſgiving: I beſeech thee be a powerfull Protector & Defender of me this night, & as thou haſt beene, (O Lord) my Defender all this weeke paſt, ſo I beſeech thee, be a defender of me all this part that is to come. Keepe me in thy protection, ſhield me from al dangers, defend

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me from ſudden death, and ſend, I intreat thee; thy good Spirit to watch over me this Night, and for ever hereafter. I thanke thee for bleſſing mee this day paſt, and I intreat thee; good GOD, ſo to continue thy bleſſings, and to increaſe them more and more towards me; that I may feele and find, that thou, O Lord art my everlaſting ſhield and ſuccour. And heavenly Father, let mee feele thoſe joyes that be true comforts unto my Soule; and I beſeech thee, grant my very dreames may be of heaven and heavenly joyes; and grant I may at laſt enjoy

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such joy and comfort in thee, that I may rest in thy Kingdome, for ever and ever, *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

A Prayer for Friday Morning.

35 VNto thee, O Lord, I come with a broken and contrite heart, sorrowing for my sinnes, seeking to find comfort at thy hands: O! Thou knowest my griefe, my sorrow, and care. O! I feele and find thy Comforts, Lord, I thanke

thee, that thou hast kept me this night past, and that thou hast safely brought mee to see the glistering light: O Lord stir mee up, that I may find some comfort; preserve and keepe me, that I may feele some joy in Soule and Body this day and for ever: And as the Church observes this day a Fast, so prepare thou me, O LORD, in Soule and Body, that I may fast from all sinne and wickednesse, and be strong against the World, the Flesh, and the Devil, and all temptations, that I fall not into sin, or transgression; but grant that I may spend this day,

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with all the dayes of my life, in all holy converſation, to thy Glory, and good example of all Men. Grant this, O Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

A Prayer for Friday Night.

36 MErciſull LORD God, which haſt let mee paſſe this day in health and proſperity: I intreat thee, grant that this night I may take my reſt in quietneſſe and peace: And

although thou haſt now taken away the day-light, yet I intreat thee, not to take away the ſpirituall Light of thy Grace: infuſe into mee (O LORD) the Spirit of Comfort, and although our Sleepe be as Death, and the Bed as the Grave, yet ſuffer us not to periſh ſuddenly, or unprepared; but watch over us, good Father, and guide & guard us now and for evermore. Let not affrightments fall upon us, keep us from fire, ſtormes, tempeſts, theeves, ſudden death and danger: and bee unto us now and for ever, a gracious Protector, a Defender, and Director. Let

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thy Angels, O Lord, pitch their Tents about us, and our Houſe: Remember thy Church, and every Member therof, to preſerve and keepe it, eſpecially, the poore afflicted Proteſtants of the Truth in *Germany*, *France* and *Spaine*, and elſewhere; all that are perſecuted for the Goſpell; all in tribulation, or temptation, or miſery: Put an end and period to their griefes, and ſend comfort unto them, and turne thy mercy to them, and Lord receive them and us, this night & ever, into thy gracious protection, through the mediation of Chriſt

Iesus, in whose Name wee conclude, saying:

Our Father, &c.

A Trance or Soliloquy at Midnight.

37 MErcifull Lord, let me not die before I live. My eyes have taken pleasure in folly, my heart in sinne, now I am sorry for it, I esteeme my selfe unworthy to call thee father: yet LORD vouchsafe to account mee still as thy child, that sleeping or waking, I may bee alwayes thine now and ever

Amen.

A Prayer for Saturday Morning.

38 SAnctifie (O Lord) this day unto us, and to all about us: Heare us, deare Father, & grant our request now and for ever. O LORD, we give thee thanks that thou hast kept us this night, and to this present, and brought us to the last day of this weeke: Grant wee may spend this day soberly, quietly, & religiously from our hearts: Bring us to thy righteous will in all things, that it may be for thy Glory, and our joy and Comfort: Root

out all unjuſt, covetous, malicious, and luſtfull thoughts out of our minds. Keepe us, O LORD, from all wickedneſſe, and from all ſin; and be a guide unto us in all our wayes, and a ſtrength in all our neceſſary occaſions: and as thou haſt brought us to this laſt day of the weeke, ſo we intreat thee to bring an end of ſin unto us, and clothe us with the Robes of Righteouſneſſe, O GOD, we intreat thee to grant this, for our bleſſed Mediators ſake, Chriſt Ieſus our Lord,

Amen.

A Prayer for Saturday Night.

39 MErcifull and Heavenly father, look upon mee wretched sinner in mercy, before I come to give account for all my sins committed this week, this day, and all my life past. I have justly deserved Hell, death & damnation every way, every day, and every houre, this weeke, and all my life past: Yet like a mercifull God, thou hast defended me, O LORD: as this weeke is now at an end, so let my sinnes end, and call me not to an exact

count (*here make confession of all thy sinnes with sorrow, which thou hast committed the whole weeke past*) O Lord I confesse all, I yeeld my selfe worthy of death; yet Lord spare me, spare mee, have mercy upon me, pardon mee, and grant that I may have this night quiet rest, that I may be the better able to serve thee to morrow. Bee this night my defence, my guide, my strong hold, my fortresse, and sole comfort; and grant that I may with a quiet Conscience, lye downe to take my rest in peace and quietnesse; let thy good Angels attend on me sleeping

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ing or waking, let no affrightments trouble mee, but in the midst of darknes inlighten me with thy glory, and pardon, and forget, and forgive all my sins past, Grant this now and for ever; I beseech thee, in that Prayer which thy Son hath taught me, saying:

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

A Prayer before a Sermon.

40 O Grant most gracious Father, that our thoughts may not bee car-

carried away with any vain illuſions, or bad imaginations: Grant that we be not overcome with ſleepe, or drowſineſſe, but quicken (O LORD) we beſeech thee, our ſenſes; open, we intreat thee, our eares, apply our hearts to heare, and underſtand, and follow thy heavenly Word. Grant this good Father, for thy onely Sonnes ſake, Chriſt Ieſus our Saviour,

Amen.

A Prayer to be ſaid after Sermon.

41 LOrd God, we intreat thee, that the Word which

which wee have heard preached at this time to us, be so deepely settled in our hearts, that wee by it may so learne to live, that wee may please thee, and daily indeavour to fulfil thy will, and spend the rest of our lives in the true service, & obedience of thee in all things, to the honor of thy Glory, and our Soules true comfort, through Iesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

A Prayer to bee said before the Receiving of the Communion.

42 O Father of Mercy, and GOD of all

consolation, seeing all creatures doe acknowledge and confesse thee to bee their Governour and Lord, it becommeth us, the workemanship of thy own hands much more to reverence and magnifie thy great Majesty, for that thou hast created us to thine owne Image and similitude, but chiefly in that thou hast delivered us from that everlasting death and damnation, to which Satan subjected all Mankind by the reason of sinne; from the bondage whereof, neither Men nor Angels were able to set us free. But thou O Lord, rich in Mercy, and infinite

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in goodnesse, hast provided our Redemption to consist in thine onely and welbeloved Sonne, whom of very love thou didst give to be made man like unto us in all things (sin only excepted) that in his body he might receive the punishment of our transgressions, by his death to make satisfaction to thy Justice, by his stripes & wounds, that we that were the Sonnes indeed, should be healed and freed; by his humiliation; that we might be glorified and exalted; and that by his Resurrection, Death and hell should be vanquished, to bring us to life everlasting

ing, & joyes eternall, from which the whole offspring of *Adam* was justly exiled. O Lord, we acknowledge that no creature is able to comprehend the length, breadth, deepenesse, and heighth of that thy most excellent love. For thou diddest shew thy mercy, when none was deserved; thou gavest life, when death had gotten the victory; thou receivedst us into Grace, when we rebelled against thy Majesty; and when we were all spotted & defiled with the filth of unrighteousnes, thou didst cleanse and purifie us with the blood of Jesus Christ:

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and although through the perverse blindnesse & dulnesse of our corrupt nature, we neither do nor can sufficiently weigh or consider these thy most ample benefits: yet nevertheless (as Iesus Christ our Lord hath instituted & commanded) wee present our selves to this thy Table, to manifest and witnesse to the whole World, that by him alone wee have received liberty and life: that by him alone thou dost acknowledge us to bee thy Children, and Heires: that by him alone wee have entrance to the Throne of Grace: that by him alone we are admitted

to sit at thy heavenly Table and also receive spirituall strength both to doe good, and to avoid all evill: that by him alone our Soules shall be raised from sin, and our bodies from death: that by him alone wee receive both Grace & Mercy here, and assurance of Glory for ever. Wherefore to him alone, with thee, O most gracious & loving Father, and the blessed Spirit, one true glorious GOD be all

Prayse, and Thankes
now and ever,
Amen.

A Prayer and Thanksgiving after the receiving of the holy Communion.

43 MOST mercifull Father, we render unto thee, all thankes, praise, honour, and glory, for that it hath pleased thee of thy great mercy to grant unto us miserable sinners, so excellent benefits, and priviledges, as to be received into the fellowship & company of thy deere Son Iesus Christ our Lord: vee by this meanes we are thy adopte & Children, and hee is made our elder Brother.

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Yea, O LORD, we come neerer then so: Hee is our Head, and we are the Members of his mysticall Body: And all this proceeds from thy gracious goodnes, and from compassion. For thou hast delivered him to death to give us life: Thou hast made him a Sacrifice for the necessary Food and nourishment of our soules: Thou gavest way to the piercing of his sides, from whence issued Water and Blood, that wee might know how we came clensed from our sins, & redeemed from damnation. Yea (O Lord God) thou hast presented us in this Sacra-

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ment the whole Tragedy of his passion, that wee out of his Sorrowes might recover Ioyes; out of his Grones might be comforted: out of his sighes and teares might have ours put into his Bottle, and out of his Death, be presented to life everlasting. Wee beseech thee then, O heavenly Father, to grant us this request, that thou never suffer us to become so unkind as to forget such worthy benefits, but rather make a sure impression of them in our hearts for ever: and let the vertue and strength of his Spirit ever be found in us, by which we may be

confirmed and eſtabliſhed, ſo that wee may not only prevaile againſt all our ſpiritual Enemies, but continue alſo in the confeſſion of thy goodnes, and reformation of our lives, and performance of all good duties, to the glory of thy Name: through the ſame Chriſt Ieſus our Lord, to whom with thee, O Father and the Holy Spirit, bee all glory and prayſe now and ever.

Amen.

A Prayer to bee used before Catechising.

44 WE most hartily thanke thee, O most mercifull father, for all thy blessings bestowed upon us from the beginning of the World unto this present time: For our Election, Creation, Redemption, mercifull Vocation, Iustification, Sanctification, continuall Preservation, and for that same assured and most comfortable hope, that thou hast given us of our Glorification in the World to come. And wee beseech thee to direct

us, that considering thy mercies we may acknowledge and confesse our sins, which should provoke thee rather to curse, than to blesse us, to confound us rather than to preserve us. Wee have sinned against thee, both in thought, in word, and deed: grant that wee seeing the horror of our sins, and the fiercenesse of thy wrath, may without hypocrisie or dissimulation be earnestly sorry & heartily repent for our former wickednesse: howbeit in such sort, as that we despaire not, but that in bitternesse of our griefe wee may have comfort, by faith

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in thy Sonne Christ, that our offences are pardoned. Grant (O Lord) that wee being assured hereof in our Consciences, may through thy Holy Spirit, be renewed in the inner man, to hate detest, and abhor sin, and to study to live according to thy blessed will, during our whole life. And as now through thy goodnesse we are here assembled together, so we beseech thee to direct us, that at this present both our words, hearts and all our behaviours, may be in such sort ordered, as that wee may truely utter, and reverently receive the Principles of thy holy and

heavenly Word to the ſtrengthening of our Faith, to the comfort of our Conſciences, to the amendment of our ſinfull and lewd lives, & to the glory of thy moſt holy Name, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord,
So be it.

A Prayer to bee uſed after Catechiſing.

45 WEE heartily thanke thee, O moſt mercifull Father, for that thou haſt beſtowed the ineſtimable Treaſure of thy holy & heavenly word upon us moſt vile and ſin-

full wretches. And seeing it is not in him that planteth, nor in him that watereth, but in thy mercifull hand, to mortifie our sinfull lusts, and to create new hearts in us: wee beseech thee so to order and direct us, that we prove not like the greene Fig-tree, flourishing without Fruit, or be of the number of those hypocrits, which with tongue can say, Lord, Lord, in thy Name wee prophesie, cast out Divels, and doe many great workes, and yet are condemned for wicked, because their hearts are not aright, nor like to them which are swept & garnished,

ſhed, but yet empty, wherinto the uncleane Spirit returnes with ſeven worſe than himſelfe, and ſo our end be worſe than our beginning : but governe us with thy Holy Spirit, that in heart we may love and ſeeke thee, and in body and ſoule obey & ſerve thee in righteouſnes, and true holineſſe all the dayes of our life, through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord.

As we pray for our ſelves, ſo we beſeech thee to look with favor upon the whole Church, increaſe the number of thy Children, grant thy Goſpell a free paſſage, comfort the comfortleſſe,

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raiſe up them that are falne and ſtrengthen them that ſtand, that they fall not: Have mercy upon this Realme, long continue thy bleſſing of Peace & quietneſſe towards us, and remove far from us all lets & hindrances of the ſame. Governe the hearts & the Swords of all Magiſtrates, that they may not lift up themſelves in vaine-glory, to pleaſe themſelves, but that they may apply the authority which thou haſt given them to the advancement of thy glory, for the comfort of thy Children, and the terrour of thine Enemies. And ſeeing the

continuance of our peace in theſe dayes, next under thee, lyeth in the preſervation of our moſt gracious King; bleſſe us with him, and bleſſe him with al gifts fit for ſo high a calling: and whoſoever ſhall attempt, deviſe, or conſpire ought againſt his Majeſties Perſon, Crowne, Dignity, and Royall Eſtate; we beſeech thee either in mercy to convert them ſpeedily, or in judgement to confound them, that we may under him, lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godlineſſe and honeſty. Counſell the Counſellers, order the Nobles, Direct the Magiſtrates,

ſtrates, inſtruct the Miniſters, guide & governe the whole Body of this Common-wealth, that we may joyne together in humblenesse of heart, and unity of mind, to seeke the glory of thy Name, the increaſe of thy Kingdome, the eſtabliſhing of thy Truth, the rooting out of Sinne, the maintenance of Vertue, and the long continuance of the proſperous eſtate of this Common-wealth. Have mercy upon them that bee in affliction, in body or in Minde, eſpecially ſuch as ſuffer for the teſtimony of a good conſcience: aſſwage their ſorrowes, mitigate

their miſeries ſpeedily, if it bee thy will, or elſe arme them with patience, to abide ſuch tryall, as thou ſhalt lay upon them. Grant theſe things for thy Sonnes ſake, Ieſus Chriſt our Saviour, in whoſe name wee pray for the ſame, and all other graces which thou knoweſt needful either for us, or thy whole Church, in the ſame Prayer, which he himſelfe hath taught us in his holy Word, ſaying:

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

A most effectuall Prayer against the Plague in the time of danger.

46 O Lord God, great IEHOVAH, thou mercifull Creator of Man, and Founder of Heaven and Earth: wee wretched, miserable, and dejected sinners, here present our selves before thy heavenly Throne, intreating thee to looke down upon us poore distressed offenders. Wee confesse we are unworthy of the name of thy Children, we have despised thy love, and forsaken thy

wayes, made slight of thy words, and refused thy chastisements, without thinking what we deserve: wee have not feared thy Iudgements, nor dreaded thy threatnings, wee have not sought thy favours, nor listened after thy mercies, wee have winked at our small sinnes, and smothred our great sinnes, we have promised amendment, but still continue obstinate, our thoughts are wicked, our deeds dammable, our lives impious, our sayings deceitfull, our hearts hollow, our dealings double, we run from sinne to sinne, as thoughthere were no Hell

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to swallow us, no Divels to torment us, no Iudge to terrifie us: wee feare not Hell, nor looke after Heaven: we have drawn down thy Iudgements, upon us, thou hast justly sent the Plague of Pestilence upon us, and we deserve to bee swept away from the face of the Earth. Our sinnes are manifold, our transgressions without number, they have even sought for vengeance, and now according to our deserts, thou hast sent the destroying Angell to marke us out for death. The Grave seekes to devour us, the Bells toule for us, Death and Time are

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agreed to carry us away. Heaven calls for his, and Hell is prepared, our dayes are ended, our glasse is run, our time is spent, and wee cannot return, but forward we must goe. If we looke back, the world refuseth us, if forward, the Devils desire us: onely in thy mercifull helpe, there is hope, and on thee we depend for helpe. O helpe us, good God, O spare us, sweet Saviour: and as thou didst spare in the time of King *David*, and chargedst the destroying Angell to cease, so we beseech thee now to spare thy People, cease thy anger, take we intreat thee

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this plague of Pestilence from us, with-hold back thy wrath, and as thou sparedst the repenting *Ninivites*, so make us repent and spare this Land. O Lord, helpe us unfainedly to bewaile our former life past, and seeke effectuall amendment for a better life hereafter, to which better life presently bring us, Lord, we beseech thee, and therein hold us for ever by the power of thy grace in Iesus Christ, to whom with thee, O Father, and thy blessed Spirit, bee glory by us, for all thy mercies on us, now and ever, *Amen.*

A Prayer for Remission of sinnes.

47 O LORD, glorious, everliving, loving, everlasting Father, I wretched sinner, presume once againe after my sinne to returne home unto thee, requesting, begging, praying, and desiring of thy heavenly Majestie, that thou wilt looke downe upon mee. I confesse, were it not for the hope of thy mercy, and the hold of thy comfort, and the renewing graces which sometimes I feele from thee, and that sweet taste and feeling of

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thy good gifts, and thy heavenly Word, I should sinke in despaire, for my sin is alwayes before mee; If I goe, they follow mee, if I run, they flee after me, if I looke backe, they stare upon me, if I goe forward, they meet mee, if I turne to the right hand, they terrifie me, if to the left hand, they torment me, if I looke downe to Earth, Hell is ready to devoure me. Now have I no way but to looke up to thee (Lord,) bee thou then here ready to receive me, helpe mee, good God, save me, deare Father, succour mee sweet Redeemer, assist me mercifull Creator,

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that my prayers may be so fervent, so zealous, so affectionate towards thee, that they may draw downe thy mercies upon mee: Powre down thy blessings, showre down thy graces, open thy hand of mercy, restore joy and comfort to my heavie and laden soule, wash away my sins, wipe away mine iniquity, heale mine infirmities, purge my wicked minde of all ill thoughts, pardon all my damnable deeds, and detestable dealings, renew the good Spirit of heavenly graces, restore the joyes of thy holy comforts upon me; O Lord let mee have some feeling,

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some taste, some sent, some glimmering of thy glorious presence. Let me feele some comfort, finde some joy, have some rest: Good Lord, let me be once truely renewed by thy grace, and settled in thy service, that I never slip nor slide back, but grant unto mee (most mercifull Father) a sure and settled dependance upon thee, so that in al my words workes, and deeds, I may rejoyce in serving, fearing, and obeying thee, and that I may spend all the residue of my dayes truely serving thee, seeking to glorifie thy Name, and magnifie thy goodnesse unto me, so long

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as it shall please thee to lend me breath to this fraile Body: and mercifull Father favorably govern & guide, helpe, instruct, and teach mee in thy wisedome, to magnifie thy Name, multiply and increase thy mercies on mee. O Lord, preserve and prosper me in all my wayes and workes, and all about mee. Remember thy poore Flock, build up thy Church: renew *Sion*, governe, assist, and blesse all painfull Preachers, and Pastors of thy Word, teach them and us understanding rightly to know thee, and truly to follow thee; awake my drowsie Soule, defend it

it from evill imaginations, keepe me in holy and heavenly Meditations, grant me to observe my wayes, so that I may walke in piety and peace; set my sinnes so before mine eyes, that when I looke backe on them, I may with sorrow weepe, lament, and repent my time past, which hath bin spent so wickedly or unprofitably. O powerfull Preserver, remember mee, restore me to joy and comfort, and hasten in time thy Salvation unto me. Draw my lingring Soule, and it shall runne after thee, turne me unto thee with all willingnesse, come thou neere

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vnto mee (good Lord) and declare and shew thy mercies on me; establish me in grace, excite me to goodnesse, give me grace that I may alwaies grow stronger and stronger to walke before thee, weaker and weaker to sinne, faithfull and firme in thy service. Grant this deare God and merciful Father, for Christs sake our Saviour, *Amen.*

A Prayer for Gods Graces.

48 O Mercifull GOD, grant me to covet with an ardent desire, those things

things which may pleaſe thee, to read the Scriptures diligently, to ſearch them wiſely, to know them truely, to underſtand them rightly, to fulfill them perfectly, to the laud, glory, and prayſe of thy Name, and my owne Soules true comfort. Order my living ſo, that I may doe that which thou requireſt of me, and give me grace that I may know it, and have will and power to doe it, and that I may obtain thoſe things which be moſt convenient for the Salvation of my Soule. Good Lord, make my wayes ſure and ſtraight to thee, ſo that I

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fall not between prosperity and adversity, but that in prosperous things I may give thee thankes, and in adversity bee patient, so that I bee not lift up with the one, nor oppressed with the other, and that I may rejoyce in nothing but that which moveth me to thee, nor be sorry for any thing but that which draweth me from thee, desiring to please none but for thee; nor feare to displease any besides thee. Lord let all worldly things be alike unto mee in respect of thee: Let me not be merry with the joy which is without thee, and let me desire no-

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thing in comparison of thee; let me grow weary of all which is not in thee: make me to lift my heart oftentimes unto thee, and when I am ready to fall, do thou sustaine and uphold me, and grant me with a stedfast purpose of amendment to seek grace of thee. O my God, make me humble without fayning, merry without lightnesse, sad without dullnes, true without doublenesse, serving thee without desperation, trusting in thee without presumption, telling my Neighbours their faults without dissimulation, teaching thē not with words

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onely or admonition, but much more by my example. Let me be obedient without revenging, patient without grudging. Purge mee, O Lord, from all my corruptions: My most loving Lord God, give me, I pray thee, a waking heart, let no evill thoughts withdraw mee from thee, let it be so strong, that no worldly affections draw it backwards, so stable that no tribulation breake it, so free, that no violence make any challenge unto it. O my Lord God, grant me wisedome to know thee, conversation to please thee, & finally, hope to imbrace

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thee. Grant this most mercifull Father, for the precious blood of that immaculate Lambe, Christ Iesus our only Lord and Saviour, to whom with thee, and the holy Ghost, three Persons, and one God, bee all Glory, and Honour, world without end, *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

A Prayer for a quiet Conscience.

49 MOST mercifull, most loving and deare Father, I poore di-

ſtreſſed ſinner; being diſturbed in Minde, troubled in Conſcience, with diſtraction and vanity of the world, and oppreſſed in heart with the burthen of my ſinnes, come unto thee with a wounded and dejected Soule, intreating thee of thy clemency, to eaſe me of my trouble, to ceaſe my griefe, and comfort my heavineſſe, gather together my diſtracted thoughts, and heale my broken heart; for I acknowledge that I am juſtly afflicted, ſo juſtly that I am even ready to deſpaire of all comforts: but yet my hope is in thy goodneſſe, O God; come now

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I cry and call, hearken unto my suit, and heare mee, so that *I* may finde comfort, and peace, & quietnesse in my mind. Grant this deare *Iesu*, who hast bid us to come to thee when we are heavie laden, and promised to ease us, and commanded us to cast our care on thee, and promised to helpe us, even so Lord *Iesus*, *Amen.*

A Prayer against wicked and carnall thoughts.

50 O Great, good, glorious, and everlasting Father, *I* poore dejected

cted wretch, full of filth and sinne, not having one good thought in me, come at this time, seeking to leave my filthy detestable life, desiring thee to grant my requests, fulfill my desires, and hearken to my Prayers and Petitions: I confesse continually, that I sinne in thought, word, and deed, and there is no good remaineth in mee: When I thinke to bee fervent in prayer, the devil, the world and the flesh assault me: I cannot do as I would, I doe that which I would not. Sinne followes me, shame is like to overtake me, confusion is like to lay hold upon

upon mee, destruction attends me, and horror and feare affright mee: I have no where to fly but to thee, helpe good God, save mee mercifull Father, defend me, sweet Creator, a poore wretched creature, pull me from my sins, save and succour mee, pardon and forgive me, wash mee, make me cleane, give me spirituall thoughts, and renew all good purposes in me, help me to abandon all foolish, vaine, and lustfull thoughts of the flesh, to avoid, resist, and shake off all malicious, reproachfull, and froward thoughts, that proceed from the Divell or worldly

occasions, so that I may live purely, thinke chastly, continue soberly in thy service alwaies fearing to displease so loving a Father as thee, regarding my wayes and workes, giving good example to all that live about mee, desiring and seeking for nothing but thee, and thy saving health. Grant this, good Father, both now and ever, for Christ Iesus his sake,

Amen.

An humble confession of sins.

51 O LORD GOD, heavenly Father, I am

am ashamed to come before thee, and thy glorious Throne, I am so sinfull; yet heare me, good God, and grant my requests. By my rebellious nature, I have offended, I confesse my selfe unworthy of the name of thy Child, I haue despised thy love, forsaken thy wayes, made slight of thy wordes, scorned thy chastisements which thou hast laid upon mee, without thinking what I doe deserue: I haue not felt the affliction of my Brethren, I haue not mourned with them, I feare not thy judgements, nor dread thy threatnings. What shall I

say? I regard not thy mercies; curses & punishments have I deserved, having so vilely, so wilfully, and so obstinately despised thy favours. I run after sinne, as Swine after filth, I delight in evill, I apply my selfe to ungodlinesse, I tread the steps of the prophane and wicked, I encline to lying, deceit, and couzenage, lust, perjury, and all wickednes, I goe slily away with my transgressions, I winke at great sins, and I make small sins no sins at all, I promise amendment, but still continue obstinate, I am prone and apt to all badnesse, dull and heavie to all goodnes,

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my thoughts are wicked, my deeds damnable, my life impious, my sayings deceitfull, my heart hollow. I say one thing and doe another, I run from sin to sin, from drunkennesse to lust, from lust to great sinnes, from one bad deed to another, from one ill thought to another, I am stained with pollution, stuft with covetousnesse, desirous of the World, ambitious of honour, I never looke back how wicked I have beene, but continue as though there were no hell to swallow me, no Devills to torment me, no Conscience to accuse mee, no Iudgement

to terrifie me. I regard not Hell, nor looke after Heaven, I become lothsome unto thee; yet most glorious LORD GOD, once againe looke backe, I beseech thee, behold and pittie mee, poore condemned wretch, seale me a pardon: Helpe, O helpe mee deare Father, open the Fountaine of thy Mercies, let downe the Showres of thy Grace upon me: Let teares distill from my eyes, sighes and sobs rise from my heart, let sorrow kill my sinnes, and grant unto me speedy courses of amendment of life, and a stedfast and sure confidence in thy Mercy to

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pardon all my ſins, and thy grace to purge me from all my uncleannes & wickedneſſe, by Ieſus Chriſt, my Lord and Saviour, *Amen.*

A Prayer to be ſaid of all that are falne into poverty.

52 O Mercifull, Everliving and loving Father, I intreat thee upon the bended knees of my Soule to hearken unto my grievous complaints: grant (O Lord God) that I may bee inabled to goe thorow all the afflictions thou haſt pleaſed to lay upon me, and

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that at all times I may call to mind, that it is not I only, but many of thy deare Servants, with whom thou dealeſt in like ſort. Grant I may beare my poverty with patience as *Job* did, that at all times, I may remember, I came naked into the world, and brought nothing with mee, and that which I have had, came from thee. Grant mercifull Father, that in all extremitie, I may never deſpaire of thy mercy, but that by it I may bee more inclined to call and ſeeke for thy ſpirituall comforts, and heavenly bleſſings. And though I want worldly wealth, yet

grant me thy heavenly graces, so shall I not want: and grant that the afflictions of this life may bee sanctified unto me, and turne to my eternall good, through Iesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, *Amen.*

A Prayer in Prosperity.

53 I Wretched Sinner, appeare here before thee, mercifull Father, intreating thee of thy great bounty, that as at all times thou hast given me a more liberall portion of worldly wealth, so thou wilt please to grant mee grace ever to

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be thankfull to thee for the same, and grant I may so use it, that it may be for thy Glory, my Salvation, and the comfort of the needy. Grant I may not bee hard-hearted, but liberally give and bestow it upon the oppressed and fatherlesse, on the blind, the lame, and the naked, to comfort and succour all that are in distresse, to further thy Word, and Plantation of the Gospell. O grant most mercifull Father, that the more earthly blessings that thou giveit me, I may the more seeke thy heavenly Graces, and that I may bee the more humbled in due consid-

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tion of my great unthankfulneſſe, & that I may ſeeke to live more pioufly and religiouſly, and that when I ſhall depart this vale of miſery, I may bee mindful to leave ſome good and godly examples of Charity, to thoſe which follow. Grant that this my wealth may not bee a ſtumbling blocke or hindrance to my Salvation, but that it may be a furtherance to mee in all good and godly actions. Grant this good God, even for Chriſt Jeſus ſake I intreat thee, to whom with thee and thy Holy Spirit, bee praiſe and glory now and ever, *Amen.*

A Prayer for all in distresse at Sea, by storme or tempest.

54 O LORD GOD, Heavenly Father, Maker and Founder of the Sea and Land, looke downe upon us miserable sinners, who have justly plucked down thy vengeance upon us: O Lord, wee have provoked thy wrath, we have deserved to be swallowed up quicke by the merciles waters. O Lord the floods come over us, they even enter into our Soules. O Lord, the Seas rage and rise against us, here we see thy wonders

wonders and Iudgements, in the twinkling of an eye, thou canſt deſtroy us. O Lord wee confeſſe and acknowledg we have ſinned. Moſt juſtly therefore are thy fierce judgmēts come upon us. Yet (Lord) ſpare us, Lord, we beſeech thee, let us not be ſwallowed up quick where there is none to helpe us, but thou canſt ſave us, O Lord, ceaſe theſe ſtormes and tempeſts, ceaſe wee beſeech thee, theſe ſwelling Seas, command theſe bluſtering winds, and they ſhall obey: We are at the Pit of Deſtruction, at the brinke and brim. *Save Maſter wee periſh, Lord increaſe*

increase our faith, strengthen it in thee. Mercifull Father take us wee beseech thee, into thy protection, bee (O Lord) our shelter: And if thou hast appointed unto us death at this present, O Lord be thou present, wee beseech thee, to receive our Soules untill the joyfull resurrection of our Bodies, & then receive our bodies and Soules into thy Kingdome. If it be life, then grant wee may so live that wee may take warning by these afflictions now upon us, that wee may live to amend our lives, and to live more godly, religiously, & righteously all the dayes of

of our lives. Grant this good God and mercifull Father, for Iesus Christ his sake our only Saviour,

Amen.

A Prayer for one that travels by Land.

55 O Lord lead mee in the paths of Righteousnesse, and direct my goings in the way of truth, We, O Lord, are borne to travell, and man hath no certain place of abode: our dayes are like a span, and our lives passe as a weavers shuttle. O what is man that thou art mindfull of him,

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or the Sonne of man that thou regardeſt him? Wee are like to a bubble or a blaſt, we goe hence and are ſeene no more; O teach us to number our dayes, that wee may walke the pathes of Godlineſſe; Direct our ſteps in the word of truth, and as thou haſt appointed man to bee a Pilgrim, and to travel for his living, and ſojourne upon the earth, ſo O Lord, guide and governe me in my travel, that I may goe on with comfort in this my journey. Bee thou my God, my help & guide to direct mee aright in my way & buſineſſe, keepe me from all feares & dangers by

by Theeves, or other mischiefe and trouble, that I may have no disturbance in my journey, no lets nor hindrance, no sorrow nor heavineſſe, but for my sins; and O Lord, keep & bleſſe all my Friends at home and abroad, and keep them and me in perfect health till my returne unto them. Thou O Lord, knoweſt the sorrowes of my heart, and I cannot expreſſe my griefes so well as thou knoweſt them; then O Lord, let me ever feele and finde accordingly thy comforts, doe thou put good thoughts, and godly cogitations alwayes in my minde, that I

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may so thinke upon heavenly things, as one that hath set & settled his affections and desires to come unto that place. Gracious Lord, make all my thoughts words and workes well-pleasing unto thee; And now let thy good Angels conduct and lead mee, that they may bee a Cloud by day, and as a pillar by night to watch and attend upon me, to keepe me that I fall not, nor goe awry. And for my chiefe Companion, grant I may ever have a quiet Conscience, and a willing mind to serve, feare and obey thee, and a contrite and sorrowfull Soule

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for ſin, and ſo direct me in the waies of Truth, that I may not ſtray or goe away by any by-pathes of ungodlines, but conduct mee in the ſtedfaſt wayes of uprightnes, wherein give me ſtrength, and grace to ſtrive to performe in all things thy moſt righteous wil, and to ſubmit my ſelfe unto thee, through Ieſus Chriſt our onely Lord and Saviour,

Amen.

A Prayer for a ſicke Man.

56 O Lord, glorious, loving Lord God, I beſeech thee to heare my complaint, and grant mee ſtrength to powre out my prayers before thee; O God, I have ſinned, *I* have ſinned, and done wickedly, *I* have all my life long run from ſinne to ſinne. *I* have tranſgreſſed, *I* have done ſo bad, that *I* cannot call all to remembrance. Yet merciſull Saviour, returne unto me, that *I* may have a feeling of thy good Spirit in me: Let not the ſins of my

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youth, nor the iniquities of that time lie upon me: and O GOD, as thou hast laid thy hand of affliction upon mee, so I intreat thee to arme me with patience, to beare this my Visitation patiently. If it bee thy will to take me out of this transitory life, prepare mee so, O good GOD, and fit mee, that I may be received into thy Kingdome, Arme me and strengthen me to beare the burthen hereof patiently, to undergoe this my affliction willingly, and to fight it out manfully. But unlesse thou helpe, what am I O God? A Worme, a poore dejected Wretch, I

have no comfort but from thee, and of thee; therefore I doe flie unto thee, beseeching thee, either to restore me to health, and withall to amendment of life, or else to receive me, and take me into thy Kingdome of Glory. LORD cease my paine, ease my griefe. Lord I intreat thee, to grant, that the Divell, nor the World may any way prevaile to tempt me, but grant mee strength to overcome all. Send thy good Angels to keepe and conduct mee, both in sickneſſe and in health, and grant I may not feare Death, but that I may be fitted and prepared for it:

it: yet if it be thy gracious will, let me recover a little ſtrength, & *ſpare a little before I goe hence, and am ſeene no more.* O grant that *I* may find thy Grace now working for my good in me, and if it be thy will to take me hence, Lord receive mee unto thee, and then come *Lord Jeſus, come quickely.* And ſo Lord, *I* commit & commend my ſelfe unto thee, in that Prayer which thou haſt taught mee, ſaying:

Our Father, &c.

Lord ſtrengthen my Faith to the end.

I beleeve in God the Father Almighty, &c.

A Prayer for a Woman in the time of her Travell.

57 RIghteous and holy Lord God, *I* doe now find by experience the fruit of my ſin, that *I* muſt travell in ſorrow, and bring forth in paine; and *I* unfainedly adore the truth of thy ſacred Word; as certifying unto me, that ſorrow muſt be in the Evening: ſo comforting me alſo againſt the Morning, that a Child ſhall bee borne. Willingly *I* doe deſire to ſubmit my ſelfe in hope unto this thy chaſtiſement, and to learne

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the desert of my sinnes, horrible in themselves, that these temporall paines are fore-runners of eternall: and yet in thy mercy may bee so sanctified unto me, as not onely to prevent eternall vengeance, but also prepare for eternall comfort, even to bee saved by bearing of children. Grant mee therefore, gracious father, true repentance and pardon for my sinnes past, that they may not stand at this time, in this my need, betweene me and thy mercy. Give me a comfortable feeling of thy love in Christ, which may sweeten all other pangs, though

never ſo violent or extreme. Make me ſtill to lift up my ſoule unto thee in my greateſt agonies, knowing that thou alone muſt give a bleſſing to the ordinary meanes for my ſafe deliverance. Lay no more upon me then I am able to endure; and ſtrengthen my weake body to the bearing of what ſorrow ſoever, by which it ſhall ſeeme good unto thee to make tryall of me. Grant me to conſider that howſoever it be with me, yet I am alwayes in thine hand, whoſe mercies faile not, who wilt be found in the Mount, & in greateſt extremities, and to whom belong

belong the issues of death: So prepare me therefore to death, that I may be fit for life, even to yeeld fruit alive unto the world, and to bee renewed and enabled to nourish the same. And when thou hast safely given me the expected Fruit of my wombe, make mee with a thankefull heart to consecrate both it and my selfe wholly to thy service all the dayes of my life, through Iesus Christ mine onely Saviour, and Redeemer,

Amen.

A thankesgiving after safe Deliverance.

58 BLessed for ever bee thy great and glorious Name (most deere and loving Father) for thy great mercy to mee most weake and sinfull woman. Wonderfull art thou in all thy workes, O Lord, the riches of thy mercies are past finding out: Thou hast plunged mee into great afflictions, and yet thou hast returned and refreshed me againe: Thou hast brought me to the feare of the grave and yet thou hast raised me up againe to life. O how

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haſt thou ſhewed thy power in my weakneſſe? How hath thy loving kindneſſe prevailed againſt my unworthineſſe? Thou mighteſt for my ſinnes have left me to periſh in mine extremities, but thou haſt compaſſed me about with joyfull deliverances. Thou mighteſt have made my Wombe a Grave to bury the Dead: or in affording life to another, thou mighteſt have procured my death: But yet thou haſt not onely made my Womb a Well-ſpring of Life, but reſtored life unto me alſo, for the cheriſhing thereof. Marveilous, O Lord, are

thy works, infinite are thy mercies, my Soule by present experience knoweth it well. *O my Soule praise thou the Lord, & all that is within me, praise his holy Name, My Soule, prayse thou the Lord, and forget not all his benefits. Thou hast heard my Prayer, and looked upon my sorrow: Thou hast redeemed my life from death, & healed mine infirmities, and crowned mee with thine everlasting compassions.* O give mee, I humbly pray thee, a thankfull heart, not onely now while the memory and sense of thy favour is fresh before me, but continually, even so long as I have any being.

being. Grant that I may learne by this lively evidence of thy power and mercy, for ever hereafter to depend onely on thee. Quicken me alſo to all holy duties, that my thankfulnes may appeare in my pure and Chriſtian carriage. Make me a kind and carefull Mother, willing to undergoe the paines & trouble of education. Let no niceneſſe or curioſity hinder mee from thoſe ſervices, to which both Nature and Religion hath appointed mee: Let mee alſo bee carefull when time requireth, to ſeaſon the Fruit thou haſt given mee, with

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the saving knowledge of thee, and thy deere Sonne, that my desire may manifestly appeare, to be set for the increase of thy Kingdome. Vouchsafe so to order my affections, and to bring them in obedience unto thee, that if it should be thy pleasure, either now or hereafter, to take this Infant from me, I may as willingly part with it, as thou freely gave it mee. And now O God, perfect in me that strength which thou hast begun, make me to grow in care to serve thee faithfully, both in the duties of piety, and in other businesses of my place

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and calling, that I may be a comfort to my Husband, an example to my Neighbours, a grace to my Profession and a meanes of glory, to thy Name, through Iesus Christ my Lord and Saviour,

Amen.

A Prayer at the houre of Death.

59 O Heavenly LORD GOD, we poore wretches being overcome with griefe, come all here attending thy good pleasure with this sicke servāt of thine, O Lord incline

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to heare our prayers,& his complaints unto thee. Bee now O Lord, present, and send thy good Angels, and thy Spirit to attend us: Be with us, O LORD, and comfort this sicke person: & now if the time be come of his departure, grant, O Lord, he may depart with godly comfort, and joy everlasting, into thy Kingdome. Ease O Lord, his griefes, mitigate his paines asswage his sorrowes, and give him a lively touch of thy heavenly comfort. Put by all Worldly thoughts, and beare downe all bad Suggestions, let nothing but good come in his mind:

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and grant that hee may to the last gaspe of breath, breathe out still some comfort of thy helpe, and grant when he hath done his last to finish this morrall life, then he may with *Lazarus* be carried into *Abrahams* Bosome. O Lord forgive him. O Lord receive him. O Lord protect him. O Lord succour & save him: and now and for ever grant hee may rest with thee in eternall glory. Heare us, good Father, for this our Brother (or *Sister*) and doe for him (or *her*) and us according to thy fatherly mercies in *Iesus* Christ, in whom wee commend

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him with these our praiers for him, and all his, and our occasions, in that Prayer which thy blessed Sonne hath taught us:

Our Father, &c.

A Trance at the time of Death.

60 O *Lord God, come unto me, plant thy holy Angels about me, be not farre from mee now. Lord helpe and take mee into thy protection. Let no ill imaginations nor wickednesse take hold upon mee; but O Lord, now be ready to helpe me, receive mee, and let thy good*

Spirit be in me. Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Iesus, come quickly: come receive me, & take mee into thy tuition. I forgive all the World, grant mee likewise forgiveness of them, and of thee, Lord, for all my sins. Wash me, O Lord and fully clense mee of them all, and so receive mee. O Lord, Save mee: O Lord, bee my Rocke, my Shield, my Defence, my comfort, my Receiver. Now Lord, I yeeld my Selfe, my Soule and my Body into thy hands, come Lord Christ, and be with mee now and for ever,

Amen.

A Prayer in the time of Warre.

61 O Glorious LORD God, & everlasting Father, wee intreate thee mercifully to looke down upon us, and hearken unto our complaints and desires, and grant we beseech thee, our requests. O gracious Father, thou knowest our sinnes, and our iniquities are not hid from thee, they lie open to thy judgments. Yet we know that thy mercies are the cure of our miseries, and when wee flye to thee, thou drawest neere to us: Wee beseech thee

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now to be favourable, and spare us for al our sins past, and be ready to deliver us from sins to come. Looke downe in mercy upon us, and as thou hast beene our everlasting defence, so now defend us from the rage of our Enemies. Goe in and out, O Lord, before our Armies, before our Generals, before our Fleetes and Commanders, and grant we may be thy Souldiers, to fight under thy Banner: Stirre up our hearts and strength against the Enemies: defend thy afflicted Flock; Remember, wee beseech thee, the burthen of misery laid upon thy

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Church at this time in *Germany*, *France*, *Spaine*, and elſe-where: and in thy due time reſtore it to her former glory; Settle our hearts and affections to gaine and recover that which hath been loſt. And grant that we ſeeing their doubledealing, may no longer truſt to them which have no Truth. They imagine miſchiefe in their hearts, and are ſet on fire to doe ill, but breake thou the knot of their malice, lay open their Plots, diſcover their devices, weaken their Armies, overthrow their Inventions, confound their Counſels, & conſume

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their numbers. O LORD thou hast in time past made the Stars to fight in order, the Sunne to stand still, the Seas to devour, the Winds to overthrow thy enemies; So now, O LORD, cause these thy Creatures to assist and helpe us, and our distressed neighbours, that all the World may know, it is thou that fightest our Battailes, and undertakest our cause. Finally, O Lord, blesse, wee beseech thee, us, and every one of us, in what wee shall take in hand for defence of thy CHVRCH and Truth. Blesse, we intreat thee, our King, our State, our Clergy,

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our Commonalty, and give thy blessing unto us all.

And last of all, blesse, we beseech thee, al the worthy Companies of Souldiers in the Chiefe City, and in all places of this Land. Blesse O Lord wee intreat thee, their inventions of Warre, and make them expert by their practises. Prevent and prosper all our undertakings, so that all the world may know that thou art the Guider of our Counsells, and Leader of our Armies. Grant this deare Father, and all other good things unto us, for the Good of the Church amongst us, and the reliefe of others by

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us, now and alwayes, for CHRIST IESVS sake our onely Saviour, *Amen.*

A forme of Thankes-giving and Prayer to bee used of godly Christians in their Families.

62 WEE most humbly thank thee O heavenly Father, for all thy loving kindnesses, so abundantly shewed towards us, not only this day (*or night*) but all the time of our life unto this present: And especially, for that it hath pleased thee of thy

thy Fatherly favour, & infinite love, before wee had done good or ill in thy sight, & before the beginning of the world, to write us in the Booke of Life; & unchangably to ordaine that wee should bee thy Children, and Vessels prepared to honour, with the rest of the Saints. And wee thanke thee for the great Worke of our Creation, which as it is wonderful in it selfe, being first framed according to thine owne Image, in wisedome, Holinesse and immortality, so doth the excellency thereof much more cleerely appeare, in that thou hast

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made infinite numbers of other Creatures upon the Earth, in the heavēs above, and in the Waters beneath, not onely farre inferiour unto us, but to serve for our use and benefit: Yea, thou hast made thy holy Angels ministring Spirits to attend, guard and defend thy children. But most especially, we praise thy holy Name, and evermore thanke thy Majesty, for the abasing, and manifesting of thine only begotten Sonne in our poore and fraile nature, that he might in the same, yeeld unto thee, O Father, a full and perfect obedience for us, such as in thy most just

Law was required at our hands : And that by his moſt painfull and helliſh ſufferings, anguiſhes, and horrours, both in Soule and Body, as well in death as in life, we might be made free from all thoſe everlaſting ſorrowes, feares, and torments deſerved of us, and prepared for all thoſe that doe not beleeve : Even ſo was it thy good pleaſure, O Father moſt mercifull, that Hee, in the very ſubſtance of our Nature, through that Almightie power of thy Godhead, ſhould not onely beare the intollerable weight of all our ſinnes together with all

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the punishments due for the same, but also overcome sinne, destroy the power of sin in us, and obtaine for us a glorious victory over sin, the World, Death, Hell and all enemies: Yea, that hee should restore unto us, by the vertue and worthinesse of that his obedience, all good things which before were lost through our folly and disobedience; and that in a more perfect estate then ever wee had them; insomuch, as now our strength, our wisdome, our righteousnesse, our worthinesse, our assurance of thy favour, our joy, and felicity resteth not in our selves,

fraile Creatures, but in him our onely and Almighty Saviour, who ſitteth at thy Right-hand, in Glory and Power for evermore, that henceforth there ſhall bee no more ſacrifice for ſin, no other Mediator to entreat thy Majeſty, no more Deſervers or Purchaſers of thy favour for us: But that all Fleſh ſhould confeſſe, that there is no other Name under Heaven, by which wee may bee ſaved, but onely the Lord Ieſus: And that whoſoever rejoyceth, might rejoyce in the Croſſe of Chriſt. This Myſterie (O Lord) is too high for us, we cannot comprehend

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the fulneſſe, the length, the breadth, and the deepneſſe thereof perfectly: Yea, all the Wiſedome of Man is too groſſe and blind to perceive any part thereof perfectly; the very Angels doe alwayes wonder at the ſame, and the Devill and Antichriſt, with all the Princes of the World, have laboured utterly to extinguiſh the knowledge and memory of the ſame. Yet now in theſe dayes, thou haſt againe cleerly revealed the ſame by the preaching of thy Word; and we here preſent through the abundance of thy Grace, in ſome ſort forced to ſee and feele

the glorious power of the ſame.

But ſuch is our horrible blindneſſe, perverſeneſſe, vanity, and unthankfulnes, that wee ſee it not cleerely, we beleeve it not perfectly, nor weigh it ſufficiently, nor meditate thereon effectually: for we ſhould love thy Majeſty, for this famous worke of our Redemption by Ieſus Chriſt, with a moſt perfect love, without all compariſon, & farre above all other things in the World. Whatſoever wee love, wee ſhould love for thy ſake, ſo that no thing ſhould be more deare and joyfull unto us, then

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the setting forth of thy Glory, the prayſing of thy Name, the furtherance of thy true Religion, and proſperity of thy Church: and nothing ſo great a griefe, as the contrary to any of theſe: but this love we find very cold in us; for wee long not earneſtly to be in thy continuall preſence, we are very negligent, & ſoone weary in ſpeaking unto thy Majeſty by Prayer, and in hearing of thy Majeſty ſpeaking unto us, by the miniſterie of thy holy Word: Wee take not felicitie in meditating of thy Mercies, in declaring thy Prayſes, in commending

thy wonderfull Workes. Yea, wee have oftentimes more pleasure in beholding vanities, in Worldly matters, in idle and prophane exercises, and in workes of Darkneſſe: We are violent in revenging our owne injuries, and in hating thoſe that doe hurt our ſelves; but wee are not ſo much as heartily grieved with thoſe that offend thy Majeſty by ſinne, and obſcure thy Glory by corrupting thy true Religion. Our love toward our brethren, ought to be like the love wherewith thou haſt loved us; that is, Pure, uncorrupt, vehement and everlaſting: but wee

love for our own pleasures and for worldy respects, wee are soone provoked to anger, we mislike long, we are hard to be reconciled, wee are not so dutifull to our parents & Governors, so kind to our Friends, so courteous to Strangers, so charitable to those that are in necessity as we ought to be. We should be holy, and pure, as thou art pure, because thou (Lord) hast redeemed us from al impureness, that wee should continually offer up unto thee, our Soules and Bodies; as a pure, living, and acceptable Sacrifice; and because wee are thy Temples, wherein

it pleaſeth thee to dwell, by thy grace and Holy Spirit: But we feele too too many rebellious motions, and corrupt cogitations, ſuch as we are aſhamed to ſpeak of to any mortall man. Our minds ſhould be drawne up on high with the love of Heavenly and Spirituall things, becauſe wee are Strangers here, & Citizens in Heaven; for that wee know the things that are here below, bee uncertaine and tranſitory, as the Flower of the Graſſe; our Selves frayle and mortall, and the joyes prepared for us after this mortall life, to be infinite, ineſtimable, and

everlasting: howbeit, wee spend a great part of our time, in following after the things of this World, in providing for this Lumpe of Earth: our studies, cares and communications, are very Earthly and Profane. Finally, we have broken all thy Lawes; wee can performe no good thing perfectly; wee consider not alwayes effectually, that wee are in thy presence, and that all things are open unto thee, be they in respect of men never so secret: wee depend not constantly upon thy providence: we rest not with full contentation of mind, in thy good plea-

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ſure wee have not yet learned wholly to reſigne our ſelves, our Children, our Friends, and thoſe bleſſings which thou haſt given us, into thy Hands, and to be contented without any murmuring or repining, with that eſtate of life wherein thou placeſt us. We are not carefull enough for thoſe whom thou haſt committed to our eſpeciall charge. Wee corrupt and abuſe all thy good gifts. Wee cannot rehearſe the multitude of our offences, for we are guilty of infinite crimes which wee remember not, nor never knew, becauſe of our ignorance

and negligence. And although wee be in so ill a case, so vile of nature, so void of goodnesse, so full of infirmities, and so neere a thousand destructions, yet are we not thorowly humbled before thee: wee doe not loathe and lament our sinnes as we ought to doe, wee flatter our selves, wee extenuate our faults, wee inwardly mislike those that admonish us, wee are slow in reforming of our selves, yea, which thou of all things most abhorrest, wee are soone blowne up with vaine glory, & made proud of thy gifts, and of those good things which thou of

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thy Goodneſſe workeſt in us, and by us. Therefore, O Lord, according to the multitude of theſe our miſeries, wee flye unto the Throne of thy Grace, as they that are guilty of infinite crimes, craving thy pardon, as they that are aſhamed of their foulneſſe, and faine would be waſhed with the blood of thy Son Ieſus Chriſt, as they that are wounded to everlaſting death, and deſire to bee healed with the ſoveraigne Oyle of thy Grace and Holy Spirit. O Lord, forſake not thoſe who deſire earneſtly to forſake themſelves: Receive us into thy

favour who onely appeale to thy Mercies: wee know not any way to come unto thee, nor any meanes to obtaine any good thing at thy Hands, but onely by him, even our Lord and Saviour, who saith, *I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life:* Who hath promised, that *whatsoever wee aske in his Name, thou wilt give it us*: And of whom thou thy selfe hast witnessed by all the Prophets and Apostles, that *He is the Propitiation for all our sinnes.* In him therefore and through him, wee aske all good things of thy infinite Majesty. O Lord, although our Faith be weak,

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our Repentance, our Sanctification, and all things in us unperfect, yet heare and accept us for the worthinesse and perfection of thy Sonne, our Advocate and Redeemer. O Lord our God, forsake not the work of thine owne Hands: Remember not our sinnes any more, but vouchsafe to finish that new birth which thou hast begun in us: And to this end, wee beseech thee alwayes to soften and to prepare our hearts by thy Holy Spirit, unto the perfect obedience of thy Gospell, and to imprint in our Consciences a deepe feeling of our sins, howbeit

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in such measure, as that wee be not driven thereby to despaire of thy Mercies but better humbled before thee, provoked to a more serious repentance of our former evill life, to a greater fervency in praying, and seeking for thy helpe, and a more carefullnesse ever hereafter, to flee, even the shew of every evill thing, and all occasions of offending against thee, and our Brethren. But because it is not enough to avoyd evill, wee beseech thee, to give us a full assurance, and a sweete feeling of thy love towards us in IESVS CHRIST, wherewith our

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hearts being throughly inflamed, we may bring forth abundantly, the Fruits of thy holy Spirit, and shew our Faith by good Works, to the testifying of our most dutifull service towards thee (O Lord our God) the stopping of the mouthes of the ungodly, and provoking of a great many to prayse thy most holy Name, for those good things which thou hast wrought in us; therefore grant us, O most mercifull Lord, a zeale for thy glory, according to knowledge, boldnesse for thy cause, joyned with humility, wisedome, with sincerity,

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joyfulneſſe of mind, and true ſadneſſe for our ſinnes, and the afflictions of our Brethren. Teach us to obey and reverence our Superiours, to be loving to all our Equals, and Inferiours, charitable to our Enemies, deſirous to doe good to all men, to be diligent in our Callings, to abhorre all deceitfull and unrighteous dealing. Make us thankfull for all thy benefits. Faithfull in uſing them according to thy will, patient in forbearing of them, conſtant in ſuffering the loſſe of all Earthly benefits, for thy everlaſting truth. And becauſe it is thy good pleaſure

ſure that we ſhould wraſtle and ſtrive againſt our rebellious Nature, and a huge Hoſt of Spirituall enemies, we beſeech thee to arme us from above, with the compleat armour of thy Grace. And for as much, as our Strength and Fortitude is nothing in reſpect of our Adverſaries, aſſiſt us mightily, that in all temptations, dangers, and aſſaults, wee may lay ſure hold, with the hand of faith, upon the victory of our Saviour Ieſus Chriſt, that albeit wee be not able to overcome in our owne perſons, yet wee may overcome in his, who hath overcome for us, and

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so after this warfare finished, be made partakers of those promises which are knit unto the victory, even the Crowne of Glory, the fellowship of all the Saints, and the most comfortable presence of thy Majesty, through the same our Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ. And we pray not onely for our selves, but also for all Nations of the World, that they may be called to the comfortable light and effectuall feeling of thy Gospell through the preaching of the same: and for those that are already called, O Lord, wee humbly beseech thee to make up, and happily

pily to finish that heavenly Worke of the new Birth, which thou in mercy hast begun in them; strengthening and comforting their Soules daily more & more with the lively Food of thy blessed Word and Sacraments sincerely ministred, according to thy most holy Ordinance: the which inestimable Grace, wee beseech thee to make this Church of *England* partaker of yet more abundantly. And to this end, we most humbly crave of thy Majesty, to blesse thy Servant *Charles*, our gracious King and governour, with all manner of excellent

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blessings, that hee may worthily seeke, and set forth thy Glory, by advancing thy true Religion, and suppressing all things that hinder the same. Give grace to his Honourable Counsellors, and to all that be put in authority under him, faithfully to assist him in this great Worke. Make the Ministers of thy Word zealous in thy Truth, diligent in their Office, wise in propounding thy Mysteries unto the people, happy and comfortable in their Labours: Increase the number of them, for they are few, and great is the multitude of those that want,

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and thirſt after thy Word: Finally, ſhew thy ſelfe (O Lord) mighty and merciſull in relieving and comforting all thoſe that be afflicted, and humbled with any kind of calamity, whether it be extreame poverty, or bodily ſickeneſſe, or inward griefe of mind for the burden of their ſinnes. But eſpecially, remember thoſe in thy mercy, which are in Bonds, or troubles for thy Truth, granting unto them patience in ſuffering, chearefulneſſe in prayſing thy glorious Name, for thy everlaſting love towards them in Chriſt, and conſtancie in pro-

professing a good cause, with a good Conscience unto the end, through our Lord IESUS CHRIST: In whose Name wee pray for those and all other graces needfull, either for our selves or for the whole Church, as hee hath taught and commanded us, saying:

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

A Heavenly Meditation.

63 O Lord my good God (and most gracious Father) in Iesus

Christ, I wretched sinner, here prostrate before thy Throne of Grace, doe even out of the deepe affliction of my wretched heart, looke upon thee, and with sighes & groanes unfained for sin, my humble Soule doth call upon thee, who art my onely hope, stay and refuge in all distresses, being of power only to help, and canst only ease and set mee free. Looke not upon my sins (I humbly beseech thee) let them not stand betweene me and thy mercy. Set aside all my guiltinesse, blot out all my transgressions, which daily & houerly do highly provoke thee

to wrath and indignation againſt me: and behold me in mercy, for thy Sonne Chriſt Ieſus ſake, in, by, and for whom onely, mercy is to be had. I know and acknowledge (O Lord) that thou art a juſt God in all thy Iudgements, and none more fit and worthy to receive the ſharpeſt taſte of thine affliction and correcting hand than my ſelfe, in reſpect of the huge heape of ſinne and wickedneſſe by mee committed: But as thou art moſt juſt, ſo (glorious Father) thou art alſo moſt mercifull, and upon thy gracious favour and goodneſſe in Chriſt Ieſus,

I poore, miſerable, ſinfull wretch, doe depend, being my ſole and onely ſupport in my greateſt diſtreſſes and dangers; bee it by ſickneſſe, diſgraces, loſſes, or any other croſſe or calamity what ſoever. And whenſoever any of theſe outward afflictions are upon mee, or any other inward conflicts of the minde, doe take hold on mee (how ſharpely and bitterly ſoever) yet teach mee O Lord, by thy grace to make uſe thereof to my comfort, and that I may finde, feele, and confeſſe, that it is thy hand deare Father, that ſmiteth me, and that thou ſmiteſt

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me for my good, even that the burning heate of ſinne may be quenched in mee, and I be wholly drawne from my corrupt wayes, leſt I periſh, with this wicked, ungodly, and graceleſſe World. Therefore direct thou my heart, and minde, to joy in this and all other thy fatherly corrections, and to praiſe thy Majeſty for the ſame, & with gladſomeneſſe of heart, to entertain griefes, troubles, or any affliction of the ſharpeſt kind that thy Fatherly goodnes ſhall think meet to lay upon me: For O Lord, this wretched Carkaſſe of mine, is a maſſe

of corruption, ſavouring of nothing elſe but Earth and earthly matter, full of Blaines, Sores, and deepe wounds; and had need of ſome ſharpe Coraſive to cleanſe the ſame, that they may bee the better cured; Otherwiſe (deare Father) this poore impriſoned Soule of mine, cannot eſcape from being defiled with all manner of evill, and thereby in hazard to bee ſpoyled of thoſe Heavenly graces wherewith it ſhould bee adorned and beautified to eternall life. This wretched ſoule of mine (moſt gracious God) doth pine away for ſorrow and

and even pant for breath, longing to receive increase of life from the living Stock Christ Iesus, which must be thy worke (& thy worke onely) and worke this effectually, I humbly beseech thee, which way thou wilt, & doe thou give what thou wilt have me to doe, and then doe what thou wilt to me, and with me thy unworthy Servant. *For though I should walke through the Valley of the shaddow of Death, I would feare none evill, for thou art with mee, thy Rod and thy Staffe doe comfort me.* If I should enter into an enumeration of my sins, there

is no end of them : For how much time have I idlely ſpent ? How much time have I vainely ſpent? How much time have I moſt wickedly ſpent ? And how little time have I employed in thy ſervice? This, O Lord, carrieth in it an infinite number of ſins, and for this I deſerve juſtly to bee forſaken of thee, & to be reſerved and left unto endleſſe condemnation both of Body and Soule. But howſoever in Youth I have not heeded this, or in Age may eaſily forget this, yet let thy grace (moſt gracious Father) reunite the one, informe the other,

other, and reforme both, that by thy grace I may be taught and directed with ludgement to feele, with cõscience to acknowledge, with remorse to lament my former strayings and steps ignorantly undertaken, ungraciously followed, and fearefully continued to my endlesse danger, if thou O Lord dost not in mercy stay my courses, and set me in the right path of eternall salvation. Be pleased to this end (most loving Father) to follow me still with thine afflicting Hand, which is thy Fatherly Schoole, by the which thou dost warne & admonish thy Children

and Servants to looke into their ſinnes paſt, whereby they provoke thee to puniſh. Thou doſt teach and inſtruct them to behold their ſinnes preſent which provoke thee, & to ſee into the perill and danger to come, unto which ſin doth bring them, and by which thou doſt puniſh and correct them: Not to deſtruction, but to amendment. Therefore (deare God) let me imbrace affliction as a wel-come Gueſt, that ſin the cauſe hereof, may bee more & more waſted, and glory the end thereof, may be more and more haſtned, Thou takeſt no pleaſure in-

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punishing thy Children, but because thou wilt not the death of a sinner, but that he may returne & live, therefore thou punishest: which is the chastising Rod of a loving Father, and not the sharpned Sword of a severe Iudge. It is amendment that thou lookest for, which is the sweet Fruit of true and unfeigned Repentance: But to turne to thee in part, and not wholly, is no repentance: To sorrow for sin, and forbeare sin in time of affliction onely, is no repentance: To have an inward touch for sinne without Christ, is no Repentance. Therefore

O Lord, give me a feeling Conſcience; vouchſafe me thy grace to apprehend a perfect turning from ſin, and grant unto me, I humbly beſeech thee, a thorow-changed, and truly-mortified heart, which cannot but worke in me an unfeigned love of righteouſneſſe, and a full purpoſe & endeavour to ſerve thee my good God and moſt loving Father, with a ſincere & true hearted affection. And guide me O Lord, to flie unto thee daily by Prayer, for forgiveneſſe of my ſinnes, for grace to reforme my waies and for true Faith to take faſt hold of mercy in Chriſt which

which is the ready way to be made righteous before thee. And becauſe (deare God) I may ſpeedily, and ſtill tread in that narrow path which is hardly found & not eaſily kept (through Satans Malice, the Worlds Inticements, & mine owne in-borne Corruption) let thy working grace never be wãting in me, by which I may bee taught and confirmed neither to prize of workes too high (with the Papiſts) nor too low (with Libertines) but to learne this for truth againſt both, that neither with the one muſt I preſume to challẽge Merit by my Workes, nor

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with the other muſt I dare to take liberty to live as I liſt. It is manifeſt & plaine O Lord, that Papiſts depend more upon Phariſaicall working, then upon Chriſtian beleeving: And it is as true, that the looſe Libertine careth little, either for Faith or Fruits; And both theſe are flat Enemies againſt the Croſſe of thy deare Sonne, our alone Saviour Chriſt Ieſus; The one taking upō him to adde a ſupply of Merit by Workes, to that which is unto man a free Gift from thee by Grace, and a Sacrifice Al-ſufficient to ſatisfie thee, and ranſome us: The

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others cry out daily in their most filthy and corrupt conversation, *Let us sinne, that grace may abound*, and so indeed *turne the grace of thee our good God into wantonnesse*. Farre bee it from me (deare Father) to be insnared by either of these. And yet an healthful body, a full purse, glory, and worldly reputation, or any prosperity, thou knowest are dangerous Engines to intangle an unregenerate man, especially, when a sincere profession, and a holy practice are of least esteeme amongst men that are in fulnesse of prosperity; And therefore

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(my moſt gracious God) I humbly & heartily thank thy holy Majeſty, in that it hath pleaſed thee to abridg my wealth, to abate my fulneſſe, and to darken my tranſitory reputation; For though to the outward man theſe ſeeme bitter and unſavoury, yet to the inner man they bring the ſweet and pleaſant taſt of Repentance, *not to bee repented of*, which is alwaies followed with ſweet fruit of amendment. And I moſt humbly beſeech thy fatherly goodneſſe, that as it hath pleaſed thee to ſtrike at the doore of my heart by theſe outward croſſes, through the

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power of thy blessed Spirit and thereby to awake mee out of that deepe sleepe in sinne and security, whereinto I was fallen, so as I was deprived (for the same) of all Spirituall sence and feeling of Heaven and heavenly things, through the multitude of devouring Monsters, as Lust, Covetousnes, Pride, Vaine-glory, Hypocrisie, and a thousand of like nature, which were Syrene deceivers, haunting mee in the dayes of my prosperity, and seeking utterly to spoyle mee of Spirituall life, and to pursue me to eternal death, hadst not thou of thine in-

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finite goodnes discovered their sleights, altered their course, and given ability to resist the temptatiõ, against whose strength without thine Arme of Defence, I cannot possibly prevaile. Therefore (gracious God) continue to watch over me, and looke upon mee still, and behold mee in my wofull and wretched estate, give mee wisedome from above to fore-see all dangers that may befall unto me; a true constant Faith to resist the Fury, & all fulnesse of spirituall strength, that I may hold out the Combate, and overcome; For I long much (O Lord)

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to bee even estranged and freed from those snares & evils with which I have been too much acquainted, and to bee a familiar companion to those that feare thee, and to imbrace & follow all holy duties which thou lookest for and requirest at the hands of thy servants, that I may spend the rest of my life to come, to please thee; & praise thee. Assist me (deare Father) in this my desire, give me thy continual ayde & assistance from above, to furnish and fortifie me in my weakness: and as by thy grace thou hast made me in some measure willing, so I humbly be-

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in full meaſure able to find
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that thou haſt ſet before
thy Choſen to walke in.
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heart be by thy Spirit clen-
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heart by the Dew of thy
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bled, that it being wholly
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of others, and mine owne endleſſe comfort in Chriſt Ieſus. This being wrought in me O Lord, of thy meere mercy and goodneſſe, keep me ſtill in thy way, I moſt humbly beſeech thee, that my deſire may be augmented daily to doe thy will, and my ability alſo may increaſe daily to fulfill this deſire: then let ſorrowes & afflictions both in manner and meaſure follow me and poſſeſſe mee ſo long as thy ſelfe wilt, which are indeed moſt plaine and profitable Teachers, to informe me, how vile of my ſelfe I am, how vaine this wretched & wicked world

is and that the greateſt glory and moſt pleaſing delights thereof, are meere vanity and vexation of Spirit. What availeth it (O Lord) to bee in health of Body, if a man have a ſicke Soule in him? What profit can there be to flow in worldly wealth, and to want the Treaſure of the Soule, which is the preaching of the Word, and the Holy-Spirit of Promiſe to Sanctifie both? And what is all the glory and reputation in the World, if a Man want grace to ſeeke after the everlaſting Glory of the World to come? Bleſſed father, give me a ſound

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and healthfull Soule, and let the Body ſtand loaden with what ſickneſſe ſhall pleaſe thee: Make mee to abound in the heavenly Treaſures, and howſoever earthly Treaſures faile me, let mee bee heartily well content therewith. Lead me along to ſeeke after the Glory that is eternall, and let the fading glory of this faithles world light where it will, reſt with whom it will, and leave when and whom it will. For hee that hath all theſe without thy grace (O G O D) hath but ſo many burthens to hold him downe from riſing up with Chriſt, that hee may

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seeke those things which are above: and he that hath the Grace of God, though he want al these, hath sufficient. I confesse (deare Father) that if thou shouldest leave mee to my selfe, and give me over to follow the sway of my sinfull heart, I should be as deeply plunged in wickednesse, as the worst, and become dangerously defiled with those vile and lothsome sinnes wherewith many in the World stand miserably tainted. For naturally (unlesse thy Grace restraine) I am most prone and ready to give alowance and consent to all evill, but the immode-

moderate heats of Youth (for the moſt part) hinder the feeling of this, and careleſſe Age doth many times thinke of it too late, ſo that in Youth Man is ready to flatter himſelfe with hope of many dayes, & therefore thinketh himſelfe to have time enough to turne from wickedneſſe; and age is ready to deferre from day to day, and makes ſmall haſt to amendment. But thy Word (O Lord) teacheth Youth to looke to it ſelfe in time, both by threatning & admonition; By threatning, *O young man* (ſaith *Salomon*) *rejoyce in thy youth, and let thine heart*

cheere thee in the dayes of thy youth, and walke in the wayes of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: But what followeth? Surely Youth must know, that for all these, the most just and mighty God, will bring him to Iudgement: By admonition in these Words: *Remember thy Maker in the dayes of thy youth, whilest the evill dayes come not, nor the yeares approach wherein thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.* And as a meane to bridle & restraine them, this rule is set, *That a young man must redresse his wayes by taking heed thereunto according to th*

Word. And as an incouragement to rowſe up Old-age to walke religiouſly, it is ſaid by the ſame *Salomon*, *Age is a Crowne of Glory, when it is found in the wayes of Righteouſneſſe.* So that if it be found in the wayes of Wickedneſſe, it is the moſt hatefull ſpectacle of filthy ſhame, and more to bee loathed and abhorred, then the Staines of Iniquity in hot and unbridled Youth: And both Young and Old, are taught by thee to know that he who doth unrighteouſneſſe, is not of thee, and he that is born of thee ſinneth not. Therefore, *Teach mee (O LORD) to*

number my dayes, that I may incline my heart to wisedome: That Wisedome which teacheth us to know thee, and Iesus Christ whom thou hast sent. That wisedome which telleth us that we were once Darkenesse, but are now Light in the Lord, and commandeth us to walke as Children of Light. That Wisedome which biddeth us to have no fellowship with the unfruitfull workes of Darkenesse, but to reprove them rather. That wisedome which enjoyneth us to cast off (concerning the conversation in times past) the Old-Man which is corrupt through

through the deceivieable Lusts, and to put on the New-Man, which after thee (O God) is created in Righteousuesse and true Holinesse. Finally, That Wisedome which warneth us to walke circumspectly, not as Fooles, but as Wise, redeeming the time, for the dayes are evill. Furnish mee (deare Father) daily more and more, with some good portion of this wisedome, which may be a Lanterne to my Feet, and a Light to my Steps, to leade mee in the way of Righteousuesse, and to learne mee to use this world as though I used it not, to flye sinne,

to repent me of ſinne, that this Old-Man of ſin which I carry about me, may be crucified with Chriſt my Saviour, that the Body of ſinne may be deſtroyed, and henceforth I may no longer ſerve ſin, leſt when the Night is come of my evill-paſſed Day, and Death ſhall approach to demand his due, I then looke about me too late, and be taken napping, as the fooliſh Virgins were, when neither teares, nor ſighes, nor cryes will bee heard, but that the juſt Sentence of Condemnation will be given, & cannot be revoked. Deliver me (moſt gracious Father)

Father) from this perill, and direct me by thy grace to be ever mindfull of thine afflicting Hand, that my Soule may be humbled before thee, and reape this comfort from the consideration of mine own wickednesse, that it is thy unspeakable Mercy that *I* am not utterly consumed: But thou art my Portion, and *I* will still hope in thee, for thou art alwayes good to them that trust in thee, and to the Soule that seeketh thee. Blessed God, let me evermore trust in thee, & let my soule continually seeke after thee, and willingly and joyfully wait for her

Salvation, and when it ſhall pleaſe thee to thinke it fit, I humbly beſeech thee, to ſhorten theſe dayes of ſin, and ſpeed the delivery of this my wretched Soule, out of the loathſome Priſon of this my ſinfull Body, that with the reſt of thy Saints it may take poſſeſſion of the Heavenly Inheritance purchaſed for me & all the choſen Iſrael of G O D, by the death & bloodſhedding of the immaculate and unſpotted Lamb Chriſt Ieſus. To whom with thee O Father, & the Holy Ghoſt, be all Prayſe, Power, Majeſty, and Dominion, both now and evermore, *Amen.*

A Prayer for the acknowledging of Gods goodneſſe and mercy unto us.

64 ALmightie Saviour, how gracious haſt thou beene to poore afflicted Soules, to promiſe them, that whoſoever aſketh ſhall receive, whoſoever ſeeketh ſhall finde, & whoſoever knocketh, it ſhall be opened unto him? Doubtleſſe thou takeſt a pleaſure in giving, in accepting, and in opening the Gates of Mercy. Behold then I doe not onely acknowledge this goodneſſe to all Mankind, but thy

particular Mercy to my ſelfe: And whereas I finde the want even of good deſires, I beſeech thee ſupply me with thy infuſed grace, for I ſeeke my loſt ſelfe, and I ſeeke thee whom I have loſt: I find thee in the middeſt of manifold compaſſions, I finde my ſelfe in the ſnares of Temptations and Miſeries: I find thee in the Treaſure-houſe of thy Promiſes, I find my ſelfe in the Dungeon and Priſon-Houſe of my Iniquitie: I find thee in the Sanctuary of Heaven, I finde my ſelfe in the Depthes of Hell. Behold then I crave both to ſeeke my ſelfe and thee;

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my ſelfe, as having committed many grievous ſins, for which I would faine be directed to the Schoole of Repentance: thee, as having ſuffered for them, yea, been brought unto Death, and a moſt grievous Paſſion for my ſake: But ſeeing thou haſt in Mercie by thy Promiſe made thy ſelfe a Debtor unto us, give mee leave to challenge the performance according to thy owne appointment. Thou haſt told us plainly, *That at what time ſoever a Sinner doth repent him of his Sins, thou wilt blot out his iniquities, and put away his tranſgreſſions from thy remembrance.*

brance. O Lord, I do repent and am heartily ſorry for offending ſo good a God: And whereas like a lame cripple I cannot follow thee to the Heavenly Harveſt, whereby I am worthy to loſe my Inheritance. I cannot come to the perfection of Repentance, I flie to thy Grace to ſupply my defects, and I beſeech thee of thy bounty by the rich treaſure of thy Mercies in Chriſt, to caſt downe a favourable countenance on mee, and make mee partaker of all thy promiſes.

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A Prayer for Gods protection of his Church in respect of the present troubles of it.

65 ALmighty God, thou Lord of Hosts, and Governour of all things, whose power no Creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish Sinners, and to be mercifull to them that truly repent: Worke in us, and in all thy People, unfained and effectuall Repentance, that what thou seest amisse in us, and amongst us, or in any parts of thy Church, may speedily & thorowly,

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be reformed, that what is righteous and good in thy ſight, may bee eſtabliſhed and maintained, eſpecially in this our LAND, and other places profeſſing thy Truth and Goſpell; and the mean time while we ſtrive after that which may bee moſt agreeable to thy holy will as it is revealed in thy heavenly Word, be merciſull unto us, and bring us on rather, as thou ſeest it needfull by the Rod of thy Fatherly correction; evermore alſo ſupporting us, as our moſt gracious Shepheard (whileſt thy true, though weake and poore Flocke) by thy Staffe of

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Comfort. And thou Sonne of *David*, that knowest the mercilesse condition of Satan, and cruell Men, his cursed Instruments, we humbly beseech thee never to deliver us over unto their power, but save and defend us, and all thy people evermore from the hands of all our Enemies both Bodily and Ghostly: And more particularly at this time, we earnestly beseech thee, O Heavenly Father, by the mediation of that thy Son Jesus our onely Mediator, to be merciful to those that are gone out from us, or joyned with us, or stand out for thy Truth, or any right-

righteous cauſe: And give that iſſue to the preſent troubles of thy Church, as may make moſt for thy Glory, the advancement of thy Truth and Goſpell, the reliefe of all thy diſtreſſed People, in all thoſe parts of thy troubled Church, and for the eſtabliſhing of Truth and Peace in this our Land. May it pleaſe thee once to free al our Brethren from the Dominion of that Myſtery of iniquity, as alſo ſtill to ſhield and ſecure us and all other profeſſing thy Name and Truth, from that cruell Faction, which, as if they delight in Blood, have already ſpoyled ſo

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many Nations. Lord thou onely art the Catholike King, we can acknowledge no King over all the Earth but thy ſelfe, nor any univerſall Head over all thy Church, but that onely Archbiſhop of our Soules, thy Son Jeſus, our Bleſſed Saviour, to whom al power is given both in Heaven and Earth. Ariſe then thou Lord, to whom the Kingdomes belong, and ſhew thy ſelfe, and let not the Man of the Earth any longer exalt himſelfe, leſt hee be too proud, and leſt hee aſcribe to himſelf, or to his Graven-Images, or vaine Idols, the conqueſt that thou

thou shalt see and suffer over thy people. *Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to thy Name bee the prayse.* For the honour of thy Name arise before *Ephraim Benjamin* & *Manasses*, before *Great Britaine, Germany*, & other Countries that call upon thy Name. Arise and shew thy selfe for us, for on thee onely do we call. We call on thee to save us, and our Forces, and thy People now in more danger. How, and in what manner, and at what time fully to declare thy Salvation, we referre to thy heavenly wisedome; onely in the meane time that it may

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their devices, that wee be-
ing armed with thy defēce
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art the only Author of our Peace and Giver of all Victory. And all this good LORD, for us, for them, for all thine, not for our Merits, but for thy great Mercie ſake, and for the Truth ſake of thy gracious Promiſe in Ieſus Chriſt our Lord & only Advocate and Redeemer, to whom with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all Prayſe and Glory, now and for evermore,

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A good Prayer.

66 O Mercifull Father, and Lord of Heaven and Earth, wee come before thy Presence to worship thee, in calling upon thy Name, and in giving thankes unto thee: And though our duties and our very necessitie call us thereunto, yet wee confesse our hearts to be so dull and untoward, that unlesse thou be mercifull unto us, to teach us how to pray, wee shall not please thee, nor profit our selves in these duties. We therefore most humbly beseech thee to

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rayse up our hearts with thy Good Spirit, and so to dispose us to prayer, that with true fervencie of heart, feeling of our wants, humblenesse of mind, and Faith in thy gracious Promises, wee may present our Suits acceptable unto thee, by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And thou, O Father of Mercies, that hast called us unto thee, heare us and pittie thy poore Servants: We have indeed sinned wonderfully against thee, through our blindnes of mind, profanenesse of spirit, hardnesse of heart, selfe-love, worldlinesse, carnall lusts, hypocri-

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fie, pride, vanity, unthankefulnes, infidelity, and other our native Corruptions, which being bred in us, and with us, have defiled us even from the Wombe, and unto this day have broken out as Plague-Sores into innumerable transgressions of thy holy Lawes, the good wayes whereof, wee have too carelesly, if not willingly, declined from, and have many times displeased thee, and offended our owne Consciences, in choosing and following those things which thou hast most justly & severely forbidden us. And besides all this, wee have too long

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ſtood againſt the gracious meanes of our converſion, or at leaſt not ſtooped and humbled our ſelves before thee as we ought, although wee have wanted none of thoſe helpes which thou vouchſafeſt unto thy wandring Children to fetch them home withall, for we have had (together with thy glorious Workes) thy Word calling upon us without, and thy Good Spirit within, and have bin ſolicited by Promiſes, by Threatnings, by Bleſſings, by Chaſtizings, and by Examples of all ſorts, and eſpecially by thoſe wonderfull deliverances of our ſelves,

ſelves above many other of thy Servants, and of our LAND above any Nation in the World, and yet our corrupted ſpirits cannot become wiſe before thee, to humble themſelves, and rightly to acknowledge thy goodneſſe, we will not take heed as wee ought, and as thou moſt juſtly doeſt require, and mayeſt expect of us. Wherefore (O LORD GOD) we doe acknowledge thy patience to have beene infinite and incomparable, in that thou haſt beene able to hold thy Hands from revenging thy ſelfe on us thus long, and yet pleaſeſt to hold open

the Doore of Grace, that wee might come in unto thee and bee ſaved. And now, O bleſſed Lord God, wee are deſirous to come unto thee, how wretched ſoever in our ſelves, yea, our very wretchedneſſe ſends us unto thee, unto thee with whom the Fatherleſſe, and he that hath no Helper, the Sinner alſo, and he that hath no merit, finds mercie and grace. But we come to thee in thy Sonnes name, not daring to come in our own: In his Name that came for us, we come to thee, in his mediation whom thou haſt ſent: In him (O Father) in whom

whom thou haſt profeſſed thy ſelfe to be wel-pleaſed, we come unto thee, and do moſt humbly beſeech thee to pitty us, and to ſave us for thy mercy ſake in him. O LORD our GOD, our ſins have not out-bidden that Blood of thy holy Son which ſpeakes for our Pardon, nor can any bee ſo infinite as thou art in thy Mercies: And our hearts (O God thou ſeeſt them) our hearts are deſirous to have peace with thee, and warre with our Luſts, and wiſh that they could melt before thee, & be diſſolved into godly mourning for all that filth that hath gone

through them, and defiled them. And our desires are now to serve and please thee, and our purposes to endeavour it more faithfully. We pray thee therefore for the Lord Jesus sake, to seale up in our Consciences thy gracious pardon for all our sinnes past, and give us to feele the consolation of thy grace shed abroad in our hearts for our eternall comfort and salvation. And that wee may know this perswasion to bee of thy Spirit, and not of carnall presumption (blessed God) let those graces of thy Spirit which doe accompany salvation, bee powred out

more plentifully upon us, increaſe in us all Godly knowledge, faith, patience, temperance, meekeneſſe, wiſedome, godlineſſe, love of thy Word, thy Saints, and Servants, zeale of thy glory: Give us Judgement to diſcerne the difference of good and ill, and alſo of things preſent which are temporary, and things to come which are eternall.

Make us yet at the laſt wiſe-hearted to lay up our Treaſure in Heaven, and to ſet our affections more upon things that are above, where Chriſt ſits at thy right hand: And let all the vaine and tranſitorie in-

ticements of this poore life, appeare unto us as they are, that our hearts may no more be intangled and bewitched with the love of them. O LORD, O God our God, thou haſt dearely bought us, as thine own ſelfe, give us ſo honeſt hearts as may bee glad to yeeld thee poſſeſſion in thine owne. And be thou ſo gracious, as yet to take them up, though we have deſperatly held thee out of them in times paſt, and be pleaſed to dwell in us, and in our LAND, and raigne in us, and among us by thy holy Word and Powerfull Spirit, that we may be ſure

to raigne with thee in thy glorious Kingdome, according to thy promise in thy Word, through him that hath purchased that Inheritance for all that trust in him. And seeing thou dost so promise these graces, & mercies to us, as that thou requirest our industry, and diligence in the use of such meanes as serve thereto, good LORD let us not so crosse our praiers for grace as not to seeke that by diligence, which wee make shew to seeke by Prayer, lest our owne wayes condemne us of Hypocrisie. Stirre us up therefore (O LORD) to the frequent use

of Prayer, to the often and ſerious reading, hearing, and meditating of thy holy Word: Teach us to profit by the converſation of thy People, and to be profitable in our owne; make us wiſe to apprehend all opportunities of doing or receiving Spirituall good; ſtrengthen us with grace to obſerve our hearts and wayes, to retaine them in good order, or to reduce them quickly: Let us never think any company ſo good as thine, nor any time ſo well ſpent, as that which is in thy Service, and in beautifying of thine Image in our ſelves or others. Particularly,

larly, wee pray thee open our Eyes to see our owne naturall infirmities, and to discover the advantages which Satan gets thereby. And give us care to strive most, where wee are most assaulted and endammaged. And thou, O GOD, that hast promised to blesse thine owne Ordinances, blesse all things unto us, that we may thereby grow in grace, & in knowledge, faith, love, and all heavenly Vertues, and so may shine as Lights in this darke world, giving good example to all Men, and may at the end of our Race, rest and lie downe in the peace

of a good Conſcience, embalmed with a good report & may leave thy bleſſings entayled unto ours after us for an Inheritance. Theſe O Father, are our ſpeciall Suits, wherein we beſeech thee, to ſet forth the wonderfull riches of thy grace towards us, for Chriſt Ieſus ſake. And as for this life, and the things thereof, we crave them of thee ſo farre as may be for our good and thy glory, beſeeching thee to provide for us, as unto this day, in mercy. And when thou wilt humble or exalt us, govern us ſo long and ſo far in all conditions and changes, as wee may

cleave fast unto thee our God unchangeably; rejoycing in thee and thy unchangeable love above all things; esteeming thee our Portion and sufficient Inheritance for evermore.

Now what graces wee crave for our selves (which are here before thy Presence) wee humbly begge for all those that any way belong unto us, and that by duty or promise wee owe our Prayers unto, beseeching thee to bee as gracious unto them, as unto our owne soules, and specially to such of them as in respect of any present affliction or temptation

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may be in ſpeciall need of ſome more ſpeedy helpe and comfort from thy mighty Hand. Yea, our LORD GOD, we humbly deſire to bleſſe with our Prayers the whole Church, but more eſpecially our Nation, and therein the Kings moſt excellent Majeſty our Soveraigne (the Lady *Elizabeth* with all her Royall Seed) alſo all that bee in Authority amongſt us, beſeeching thee to follow him and all of them, with thoſe bleſſings of thy protection and direction, which may preſerve them ſafe from the malice of the World,

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and of Satan, and may make them in their great places faithfull to thee, for the good of thy CHVRCH and people, and their owne eternal happineſſe and honour. LORD looke mercifully on thoſe in the CHVRCH that are under the Croſſe. And we beſeech thee to furniſh al Churches eſpecially in this LAND, with faithfull and fruitfull Miniſters, & to bleſſe their lives and labours for thoſe mercifull ends and uſes to which thou haſt ordained them. Sanctifie thy People O GOD; and let them not deceive themſelves with formality of Religion in

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ſtead of the power thereof: Give them grace to profit both by theſe favours, and by thoſe chaſtiſements which thou haſt ſent either in particular, or in generall; ſucceſſively, or mixedly, amongſt them, or upon them. And Lord, ſuppreſſe that rage of ſinne and prophaneneſſe in all Chriſtian States, which breeds ſo much Apoſtaſie & defection, threatning the taking away of this Light from them. Confound, O God, all the counſells and practiſes of Satan and his Miniſters, which are or ſhall be taken up againſt thee, and the Kingdom of thy deare

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Sonne. Call in the disperſed Iewes, & make up the fulneſſe of the Gentiles, that thy name may bee glorious in all the World, the dayes of iniquity may come to an end, & we with all thine Elect people, may come to ſee thy Face in glory, and bee filled with the Light thereof for evermore.

Grant theſe our humble Petitions, good Father, for Chriſt Ieſus thy deare Son our bleſſed Saviours ſake, to whom with thee, and thy Holy Spirit, bee all glory and prayſe, now and for ever,

Amen.

A ſpeciall Remedy for a ſicke Soule, whereby the Sinner may recover himſelfe from the Valley of Teares to the Hill of Joy: Or, a Meditation for the Plague.

67 FIrſt, Faſt and Pray, & then take a quart of Repentance of *Ninivie*, and put in two handfuls of Faith in the Blood of Chriſt, with as much Hope and Charity as you can get, and put it into a Veſſell of a cleane Conſcience, then boile it on the Fire of Love ſo long, till you ſee by the Eye of Faith, the blacke Scorme

Foame of the love of this World, ſtinke in your Stomacke: Then ſcum it off cleane with the Spoone of faithfull Prayers. When this is done, put in the Powder of Patience, and take the Cloth of Chriſts Innocency, and ſtraine all together in his Cuſ: Then drinke it burning-hot next to thy heart, & cover thee warme, with as many Clothes of amendment of Life, as GOD ſhall ſtrengthen and enable thee to beare, that thou mayſt ſweat out all the Poyſon of Covetouſneſſe, Pride, Whoredome, Idolatry, Vſury, Swearing, Lying,

with ſuch like. And when thou feeleſt thy ſelfe altered from the fore-named Vices, take the Powder of Say-well, and put it upon thy Tongue, but drinke thrice as much Doe-well daily: Then take the Oyle of Good-workes, and annoint therewith thy Eyes, Eares, Heart, and Hands, that they may bee ready & nimble to miniſter to the poore Members of Chriſt. When this is done, then in Gods Name ariſe from Sin willingly; read in the Bible daily, take up the Croſſe of Chriſt boldly, and ſtand to it manfully: beare all Viſitations patiently, Pray con-

continually, rest thankfully, and thou shalt live everlastingly, and come to the Hill of Joy quickly. To which place hasten us (good LORD) speedily.

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THANKFVLL REMEMBRANCES OF *Gods Wonderfull* Deliverances of this LAND.

PSAL. 72, 18.
Blessed bee the Lord God, even the God of Israel, which onely doth wonderfull things.

PSAL. 51. 15.
O Lord open thou my lips, and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

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A Discouery of our wonderfull Deliuerance from the hellish and horrible Pouder-Treason, the Fift of Nouember, 1605.

The manner of finding out this horrible Treason (by the great goodnesse of God) was by the mysticall sense of a Letter, which (for memory to posterity) is heere inserted, as it was sent to the Lord *Mounteagle.*

MY Lord, out of the loue I beare to some of your friends, I haue a care of your preseruation, therefore I would aduise you as you tender your life, to deuise some excuse to shift off your attendance at this place. For God and Man haue conspired to punish the wickednesse of this time, and thinke not slight of this Aduertisement, but retire your selfe into your Country, where you may expect the euent with safety: for though there be no appearance of any stirre, yet I say they shall receiue a terrible blow this Parliament, and yet they shall not see who hurt them. This counsell is not to bee contemned, because it may do you good, and can do you no harme; for the danger is past as soone as you haue burnt the Letter, and I hope God will giue you grace to make good vse of it, to whose holy protection I commend you.

The traitors Names.	*Edward Digby, Knight.*	*Robert Winter, Esquire.*	*Christopher Wright, Gentleman.*
	Robert Catesby, Esquire.	*Thomas Percy, Gentleman*	*Iohn Grant, Gent.*
	Ambrose Rockwood, Esquire.	*Thomas Winter, Gent.*	*Robert Reyes, Gent.*
	Francis Tresham, Esquire.	*Iohn Wright, Gent.*	*Guy Faulx, & Bates Catesbies man.*

Barrels of Pouder, 36. Faggots to couer them, 500. The Billets, 1000.

THANKEFVLL *Remembrances of* Gods wonderfull Deliverances of this LAND.

A Thanksgiving for our deliverance from the unmatchable Gun Powder-Treason, 1605.

68 O Lord God, the great Deliverer & Defender of those which alwayes seeke and trust

truſt to thee: Accept, wee humbly beſeech thee, this our poore, but heartie Thankſgiving for thy gracious providence over us, and our wonderfull deliverances. Wee acknowledge, if thou hadſt dealt in Iuſtice according to our long and grievous provocations, thou might'ſt have cut off Branch and Root in one day, blowne up King and Kingdome at one clap. Nay: if notwithſtanding our preſumptions againſt thee, thy wonderfull protection had not beene over us, there had not beene left us a Being: For our Enemies had undermined us,

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they had digged into the Deepe, as if they would have made a covenant with Hell and the Pit for their utter destruction. They had made a strong combination, and though their counsel was against the LORD, and his Annointed: yet had they bound the assurance and secrecy of it with the Sacrament of the LORD: So their consultations were hid and covered in darkenesse, and it was a plot past mans finding out. But thine Eyes, O Lord, did see their Villany, and thine Eares did heare the cry, not of us, who knew nothing, but of our extremities, which

thou hadſt pitty on : For thou brokeſt the bonds of the ungodly, and didſt fruſtrate the counſell of thine Enemies, and didſt enough to make them ſee, that there is no counſell againſt Thee, or thy People which feare thee, and call upon thy Name : Thou deliveredſt even Vs, our King, our Queene, our Prince, our Nobles, and our whole State of all degrees, to be aſſembled in Parliament at that houre, from the power of Darkeneſſe, and from the Fiery Furnace, which was prepared for us, not to make Bricke, but either Bricke or nothing of us.

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How did we then see what we have often heard out of thy Holy Word, that before they cry thou wilt heare, and while they yet speake thou wilt helpe? O how nigh art thou to them that cal on thee, even to all such as call on thee in truth! Surely thou wilt heare their cry, and wilt helpe them, *Lord, what is Man that thou art mindfull of him, or the Sonne of Man that thou so regardest him?* What is this little part of the World, that thou shouldest set thine Eye of Providence on it so, as to shew thy selfe a watchman for us that never sleepeth,

and whose care of us cannot be either corrupted by the wicked and wealthy Men of the Earth, or frustrated by the deepe and crafty Fiends of Hell? What, O Lord, was the zeale of those Saint-makers that they would have sent up at once such a company to heaven in fiery chariots? No, no, the Lord was not in the Fire that set them on worke, nor would hee bee in those fiery workes. O what a desolation and misery had fallen upon us, if thou hadst not beene on our side when men rose up against us? They had swallowed us up quicke, when

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they were ſo wrathfully diſpleaſed at us; Yea, if thou hadſt not been on our ſide, not onely the living had beene ſwallowed up, but the noyſe of that blow would even have raiſed the dead, razed the foundations of the Earth, and rent in ſunder thoſe everlaſting Monuments; our Lawes and Statutes had beene turned to Duſt, our whole Land into miſerie & utter deſolation; wee had (as wee had too juſtly deſerved) beene ſcarce left as *Sodom*, wee had beene made like unto *Gomorrah*; *Zim* and *Ohim* had dwelt in our Houſes; Superſtition had

raged in our Church, and Treason had raigned in our Land: But it pleased thy controuling wisdome so to bring it about, that the deceiver should be deceived, the greedy devoured, and the same Pit which the malicious digged, themselves should fall into it. For as by Powder they intended to blow us up, so diddest thou first amaze them with a blast, and by it were some of them sent to their long Home from their owne Houses, while they were hatching this mischiefe for us: As they made Wood a colour to hide their malice under, so

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some perished by the Tree.

Those Instruments, as Powder, Wood and Fire, which they prepared for our destruction, by the same means were they destroyed. Now as thou hast often made bare thy Holy Arme, and we still finde it stretched out for our wonderfull deliverance: so doe thou make it a meane, good Lord, that all our Neighbors, yea that all the world may see that thou art our Saviour, & with us learne to put their trust in thee, and that their destruction may bee a warning to the rest of that viperous brood speedily to leave their

damnable wayes, leſt they follow their deſtruction. But it is we that are eſcaped as a Bird out of the ſnare of the Fowler; the ſnare is broken, and we are delivered. For which ſo gracious & wonderfull deliverance of that Fifth of *November*, 1605. let us and our Poſterity after us with Bonfires, Trumpets, Shawmes, and Pſalmes, laud and praiſe thy holy Name on the fifth of *November*, yeerely for ever: and let us not onely keepe one day yeerely in our publike Congregations, to praiſe thy great and glorious Name, but let us al which at leaſt as yet live

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by that preſervation, be never forgetfull, privately to acknowledge before thee, and unto thee, that thou art the Almighty, and never fayling Saviour of all that put their truſt in thee; and let thoſe that come after us praiſe thee for us from generation to generation for ever and ever,

Amen.

A Thanksgiving for our deliverance from the Spaniſh Invaſion in 1588.

7° O LORD our GOD how glorious and excellent is thy Name, whoſe ſtrength and power extends to the utmoſt parts of the Earth, and whoſe wonders are wrought upon the Seas, and miracles upon the dry Land, at whoſe anger the Heavens flie, the Earth diſſolves, and the Seas make a noyſe; who doeſt command the raging Tempeſts, and ſtilleſt the bluſtering Winds, making them

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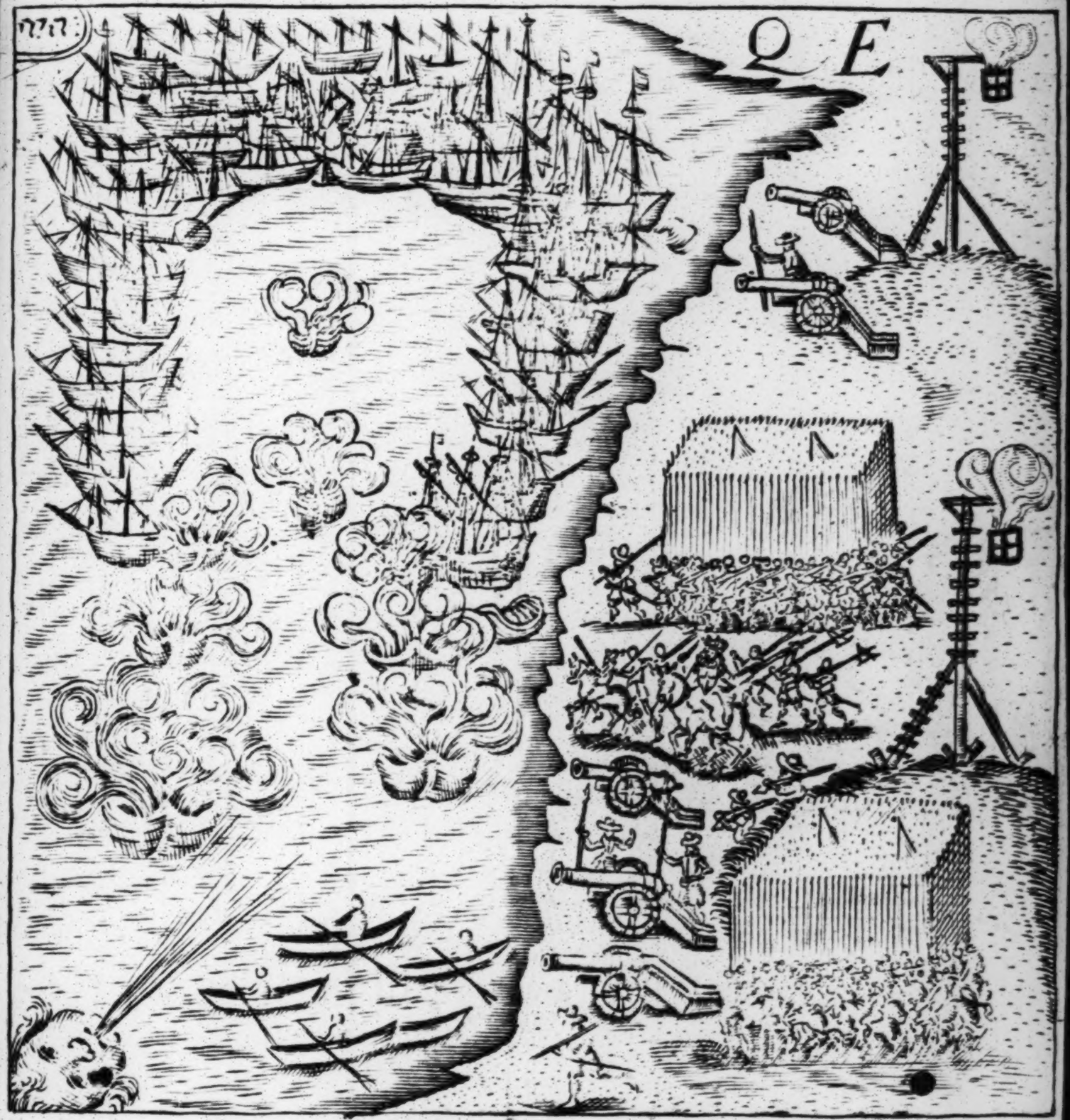
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A Thank full Remembrance —— 1588

them the Inſtruments of Fight againſt thine Enemies, and helpers of thy Servants : Who by the watery Elements ſhewedſt thy power, and declaredſt thy ſtrength, when wee were beſet with feare; our Beacons burning, our Souldiers marching, our Countries muſtring, our Armies incamping, our Ships preparing; when wee were even faint with ſorrow, and feare over-ran the Land; when our enemies Galleys, Galliaſſes,& Ships came with full ſayle for to aſſayle us, with their murthering Peeces, and more murthering purpoſes for

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The Thankfull Remembrance, 7. of August, 1588. from the Spanish Armade, with a true description of their strength.

The whole fleet. { 150 *Shippes.* / 65 *Galleons.*

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10 *Carvils.* 13 *Zabras.*
10 *Faluas, six Oares a peece.*
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171 *Ensignes.*
8650 *Mariners.*
19295 *Souldiers.*
2808 *Gally Slaues.*
224 *Voluntaries.*
455 *allowed Seruants*
401 *Seruants.*
167 *For the Cannon.*
85 *For the Hospitall.*

108 *Surgeons.*
22 *Gentlemen to attend the Duke.*
50 *Seruants.*
17 *Superintendents.*
100. *Seruants to the office of Iustice.*
180 *Churchmen.*

With these were to ioyne the Duke of Parma, and he commanded these powers. 32 *Ships of Warre.* 70 *Flatbottomes with* 50. *horse a peece with bridges, and two Queens in a boate. Also he had* 200 *Boats in New-Port Hauen, and* 3000 *empty Caske to choake hauens, and to make Bridges.*

Also the Duke of Parma had Saddles, Bridles, all sorts of Ordnance and Munition, with 4900. *horse. Foote Companies,* 103. *Ensignes* 56. *Men to each Ensigne,* 100. 10 *Walloons,* 8 *Scots,* 8 *Burgunnians,* 30 *Italians,* 60 *Spaniards,* 60 *Almaines,* 7 *Reuolted English fugitiues, vnder Stanly, Westmerland, and Yager. The Pope contributed a Million of Gold to this designe.*

to destroy us by whole multitudes; they brought their Whips to scourge us, their Seales to marke us out for slavery, their invincible Navie had hem'd us in: But when they swelled in their pride, and grew confident in their Arme of flesh, when they had even set sight upon our Land, and counted all their own, then even when they were in expectation presently to take our Land from us, and to leade us captive, and in assurance of presumption to slay our strong men, to torture our young men, to ravish our Wives, and to desloure our Virgins, to triumph

triumph over all, and to tyrannize, and glut themselves with our Blood; when they thought all their owne; their Ships at Ankor, their Navie being grappled and conjoyned in one for our utter destruction: Then O Lord God our heavenly Father, it pleased thee to looke downe from thy glorious Throne, upon us miserable wretches, and to remember the glory of thy Name called on among us, and therefore at that instant to put such courage into the heart of our ever renowned *Elizabeth*, that Kingly Queene, as in person to goe forth to view

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her Royall Armie, and Inconrage her Souldiers which then attended the Enemies approaches: And then (O Lord) when wee could make our selves strong onely by prayer to thee, and cryed and called for thy helpe and succour: then it pleased thee to give valour to our Captaines, to give wit and understanding for good projects & worthy invention, yea to make the Windes, the Fire, and the Ayre, with the Waves and Waters, and all to bee on our sides, and to fight the Battel for us thy poore unworthy servants; and then by thy gracious

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Providence, thou didſt put feare in our Enemies hearts and the better to cauſe that wee might know it to bee thy doing, even at Midnight when wee could not ſee to fight, thou ſenteſt a gayle of Wind, to carrie flames of Fire for us to get victorie upon the Water againſt our Enemies. For the which moſt happy victorie, deſirous to ſhew our thankfulneſſe to thee (O Lord of Hoſts) as then wee had our Enemies Banners diſplayed in the chiefeſt Preaching place of this Land, and ſung a heavenly *Haleluja* of Praiſe to the Glory of thy Name in all

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our publike aſſemblies; ſo every one for our own particulars are ever bound to have in minde how upon the 7. of *Auguſt*, 1588. thou wroughteſt that great deliverance of this LAND from that proud Navie of the cruell *Spaniard*, and to bleſſe and praiſe thy glorious Name from one generation to another, both now and for ever,

Amen.

The night of popish superstition.

The Returne of The Gospells light.

A Thankesgiving for the deliverance of this Land from Popiſh Superſtition and Tyranny.

71 O Lord God we doe acknowledge that we come late with our Sacrifices, ſo that we deſerve that thou ſhouldeſt have no reſpect either to them or us: For untill wee are ſtricken with ſome feare of more danger, we ſcarce doe in particular bethinke our ſelves, nor then as wee ought, of former deliverances: Feare of more Plots, makes us a little to re-

There were Martyred in 5. yeares of Queene *Maryes* dayes, about the number of 260. as you may see more particularly their names, time, and place of suffering, in the booke of the Fiery triall, and the occasions at large, in the booke of Martyrs.

A Thankesgiving for the deliverance of this Land from Popiſh Superſtition and Tyranny.

71 O Lord God we doe acknowledge that we come late with our Sacrifices, ſo that we deſerve that thou ſhouldeſt have no reſpect either to them or us: For untill wee are ſtricken with ſome feare of more danger, we ſcarce doe in particular bethinke our ſelves, nor then as wee ought, of former deliverances: Feare of more Plots, makes us a little to re-

remember the Powder-Plot, and noyse of new and greater preparations to Warre & destruction, have forced us to recount that most savage Massacre of the people of this Land, intended by that *Spanish Armado*, and so are we desirous now to insinuate with thee (O Almightie God) for new favours, by striving more particularly every man some way to remember and acknowledge thy former Mercies. And yet there was a deliverance beyond these already mentioned, from the Tyranny of Popish Superstition and Idolatry, of which

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we have not yet thought, or at leaſt not yet in this our ſpeciall Thankſgiving acknowledged. For in the yeere 1605. had not the Lord bin on our ſide when Men roſe up againſt us, they had then ſwallowed us up quicke, when their wrath was inflamed, and the Fire almoſt kindled: yet that Fire had but reached our Bodies, and thou (O GOD) couldſt have delivered us in that Fire, as thou didſt the three Children, that it ſhould not ſo much as have ſcorched our Clothes; yea thou didſt ſo deliver us, and more, when as the Actors themſelves were

were licked up with the flames of their owne Fire: But there was a Fire that ſtrucke at our Soules, not onely the feigned burning Fire of Purgatory, but the Fire of Spirituall Whoredome and *Romiſh* Idolatry, that would even have reached, & over-reached our Soules, the furie thereof would have drunke up our Spirits, yea, all the true pious Graces of thy good Spirit in us. In the deliverance in the yeere 1588. the Waves, yea the proud Waves, although they threatned horribly, yet could they but have drowned our Bodies: but in the

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ſwelling time of Popery there were proud Waves, that did, and would ſtill have gone over our ſoules, yea thoſe proud Waves of blind Superſtition, and Popiſh Tyranny would have gone over our Soules. What thankes can we render unto thee (O GOD) that didſt not ſtill give us over as a prey unto thoſe Teeth, whereby Death and Hell would have gnawne upon us, and never conſumed us. Prayſed bee thy Name, O Lord, who didſt then ſave ſome of our fore-Fathers by plucking them as brands out of that Fire, as *Lot* out of *Sodome*, thou didſt

didſt ſave them from that Spirituall Deluge, as Noah and his Sonnes from the drowning of the whole World, prayſed bee thy Name for them. But what prayſe can we yeeld unto thee, O Lord, ſufficient for our ſelves, to whom thou haſt continued this reſcue now more than from one generation to another, and ſtill continueſt it? Our beſt thankes, O Lord, are leſſe than the leaſt of thy other Mercies in delivering us from Temporall dangers. Then loe here a Reaſon Lord, why we have beene ſo long, and muſt be ſtill, as good as mute and ſtill, in this

this great deliverance from the eternall ruine of our Soules; becauſe wee can never ſufficiently prayſe thee for theſe favours of eternity, till we come to eternity, there to prayſe thee for ever and ever. Yet in the meane time, O Lord, we deſire to acknowledge the Glory of thy Grace as we may be able to conceive and to conſider it.

Thoſe *Marian* dayes of perſecution were fierce & cruell, in them thou didſt hide thy face from thy Church in this Land, but it was but for a moment in compariſon of the Mercie which followed

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in the dayes of blessed *Elizabeth*, that great Instrument of thy Glorie and our good. Thy People did then hide themselves in their Chambers, nay in the Dens and Caves of the Earth with the old Saints: But it was but for a very little time in respect of the time wherein thou hast inlarged us, & brought us forth into the gracious liberty of the Sonnes of GOD: When thou didst bring her from the Prison to the Palace, and not onely as *Joseph* to bee a Prince in *Ægypt*, but to bee Queene of thine own peculiar People, when thou

thou did'ſt bring back her captivity and ours, as the Rivers in the South; then was this our Church as in a dreame, & when we ſaw it was a truth, then was our mouthes filled with laughter, and our tongues with joy: And though the MICHALS of SAULS Houſe may deride & ſcoffe at theſe devout Exultations and divine Raptures of thy Servants; yet let us with holy DAVID bee content to be more vile in their ſight, while thou ſhalt pleaſe to continue their burthen: & that our Songs which we make to thee in their owne Land, and our

rejoycings in thee, may prove more burthensome to them: And good Lord, do not thou ever suffer our thankfulnesse to fall so low, as to make thee cut off thy loving kindnesse in displeasure, or our sinfulnesse to grow so high, as to dampe that Light of the Gospell amongst us, or to cause thy hand to remove our Candlestick, but make it firme (O Lord) by thy power, & enlarge the light thereof into al the Congregations of this Kingdome. Let it also breake into their houses that shut their doores, & into their hearts that shut their eyes against it;

it; & for the better promoting hereof, as thou didst blesse that Patriarch of thy Church great IACOB, our late dread Soveraigne, as the man of thy Right-hand and diddest send him amongst us to continue the Light of thy Gospell, from the dayes of that famous ELIZABETH till now: So we beseech thee moreover, to blesse his Sonne our gracious Soveraigne of happy being, that hee may defend us in the same untill his death; blesse also the Heire of his Crowne Prince *Charles*, and at the last commend it to those that come after, in

no leſſe, but rather greater luſtre. Good Lord make this his onely Sonne, as thy Sonne, and as thy pleaſant Childe, that hee may take delight in thee, and in the remembrance of thy great and Holy Name. Let thy name be to him as a ſtrong Tower, to which hee may alwayes reſort: O gracious Lord God, do thou ſo eſtabliſh the Kings Throne, and his poſterities in truth and judgment, that they may not onely be conſtant in the profeſſing, but ſtrong in promoting of thy Truth & for defence of thy Faith, and the maintenance of all, juſt and righteous cauſes;

So

So shall their Glory bee great in thy Salvation, and our Salvation great by that glory of thy Grace, which by them thou shewest us; And so shall wee and ours after us, offer Sacrifices of praise and thankefulnesse to thy glorious Name, from generation to generation for evermore,

Amen.

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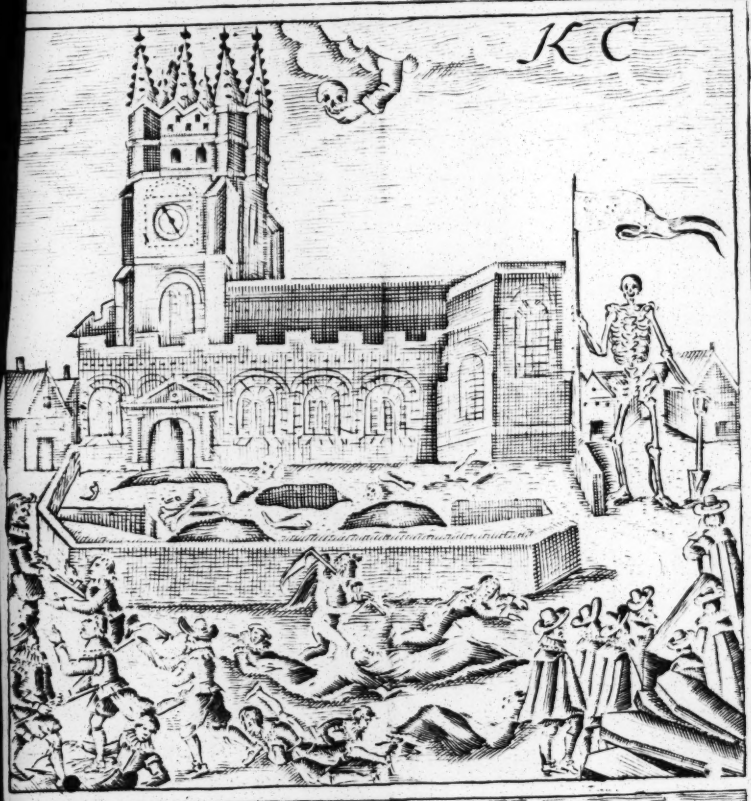

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unto this day. Let us remember before thee, the times of our distractions, when with frighted horror we did run and flie for our lives in the sight of Death, and thy destroying Angell, which thou had'st set with his drawn Sword in the mid'st of our great City, and in divers parts of this Land; yet as we fled, knowing we could not flie from thee, and finding our sinnes hang fast on us, wee looked every houre to fall into the Pit, or to be reached by thy hand. Heaven indeed stood open to receive the godly, and happy they that went thither; but

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54265	35417
Westminster 549	1669
Watford 73	
Lambeth 631	389
Ilesworth 92	
Newington 864	403
Hounsloe 39	
Stepney 4089	3022
Hackney 270	171
Islington 342	242

Oxford 21 July, to the 29 of Dec. plague	172
Exeter, plague	2177
Plimouth all dis.	3000
Greenwich	351
Richmond, plague	150
Putney	55
Potten	40
Bridgeport	60
Henly Thames	72
Brainford	65
Colchester	562

Norwich from 22 July 1625. to the 10. of November, 1626 of all diseases,	3335
Of the Plague,	1431.
Yarmouth,	
North Walsom.	33
Kingstone upon Thames,	163
Highgate	89

Hell gaped also to receive the wicked and ungodly, and woe to them for ever. The Bels were still touling to call some or other to their last Home: and our hearts alwaies trembling for feare of our selves, or our eyes weeping for losse of our friends: whersoever we went, at home or abroad, griefes, and lamentations were our companions, sighes and sobs our comforters, whilest woe and misery were our daily objects: The Drosse of this World was then worth nought, wee would have given al that we had so we might have bribed Death,

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and taken any cõdition for longer life. But no man might ranſome himſelfe, or redeeme his Brother. The raging Peſtilence tooke away rich with the poore, the young with the aged, leaving our Houſes deſolate, did fill our Sepulchres with the Dead. But now when thine angry countenance had a while beene bent againſt us to make us look backe upon our ſelves and wee were almoſt paſt hope, when in our judgement, the flying Sickneſſe was moſt likely to ſcatter further into all parts of the Land, then when we were in the mid'ſt of this miſery,

thon remẽbredſt thy mercy, then thou of thy great goodneſſe and free favour, turneſt thy fury to clemẽcy, & when in juſtice thou mighteſt have ſwept us all from the face of the Earth, and never more to let us have beene a People: Then commandeſt thou the ſlaying Angell to ſheath his Sword, and in the mid'ſt of this our deſolation, it pleaſed thee moſt wonderfully to command health & ſalvation, and to reſtore us ſuddenly to joy and gladneſſe. Wee ſaw thy great mercies, O Lord, farre to ſurpaſſe our hope, and all the World doth ſee and know,

know, that thou art more mercifull, than wee can bee thankfull, for thou hast restored health and comfort againe unto us, and given yet a longer day to thine unprofitable servants, thou hast afforded us conditions of Peace, if wee shall not now be unmindfull of thē. Lord make every one of us whom thou hast preserved from, or delivered out of the jawes of death, wisely careful to make a right use of this respit, & to redeeme the time that none of us returne with the Dogge to his vomit, to run any longer after those sinnes, that so made us run from our

Houses,

Houſes, and from our deareſt Friends, and will, if we go on in them without repentance, ſend us with a vengeance utterly from thy bleſſed preſence: But Lord be thou as wóderful in reſcuing our Soules from the Power of our prevailing ſins, as thou wert in delivering our brdies fró that raging Sickneſſe, and ſettle our hearts in thy feare, that wee may ever finde thy favour. And good Lord God wee beſeech thee make us ever thankfully mindful of this great mercy to our ſelves, and wonderful deliverance of our Land, from that noyſome Sickneſs, and

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feareful Plague; and accept we pray thee, this our humble Sacrifice, where wee desire to offer up our selves with these our most hearty thankes and prayers unto thee, in the mediation of Iesus Christ our Lord and Saviour,

Amen.

FINIS.

VERSES OF MANS

Mortalitie; With other of the *Hope of his Resurrection.*

LIke as the Damaske Roſe you ſee,
Or like the Bloſſome on the Tree,

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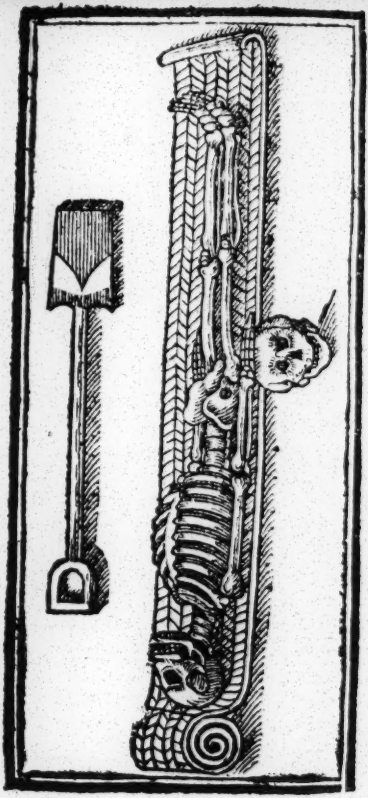

Or like the dainty Flower of May,
Or like the Morning to the Day,
Or like the Sunne, or like the Shade,
Or like the Gourd which *Ionas* had:
Even ſuch is Man, whoſe thred is ſpun,
Drawne out, and cut, and ſo is done.

The Roſe withers, the Bloſſome blaſteth,
The Flower fades, the Morning haſteth:
The Sun ſets, the Shadow flies:
The Gourd conſumes, and Man he dyes.

Like

Verſes of Mans Mortality.

Like to the Graſſe that's newly ſprung.
Or like a Tale that's new begun,
Or like the Bird that's here to day,
Or like the pearled Dew of May,
Or like an Houre. or like a Span,
Or like the ſinging of a Swan:

Even ſuch is man, who lives by breath;
Is here, now there; in life and death.
The Graſſe withers, the Tale is ended,
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The Houre is ſhort, the Span not long,
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Like to the Bubble in the Brooke,
Or, in a Glaſſe, much like a Looke,
Or like a Shuttle in Weavers hand,
Or like the Writing on the Sand,
Or like a Thought, or like a Dreame,
Or like the glyding of the Streame:

Even ſuch is man, who lives by breath;
Is here, now there; in life and death.
The Bubbl's cut, the Look's forgot,
The Shuttl's ſlung, the Writing's blot,
The Thought is paſt, the Dreame is gone,
The Water glydes; Mans life is done.

Like

Verſes of Mans Mortality.

Like to an Arrow from the Bow,
Or like ſwift courſe of Watry flow,
Or like the Time 'twixt Flood and Ebbe,
Or like the Spiders tender Webbe,
Or like a Race, or like a Gole,
Or like the dealing of a Dole:

Even ſuch is Man, whoſe brittle ſtate
Is alwayes ſubject unto Fate.
The Arrow's ſhot, the Flood ſoone ſpent,
The Time no Time, the Web ſoone rent,
The Race ſoone run, the Goale ſoone woone,
The Dole ſoone dealt; Mans life firſt done.

Like

Verſes of Mans Mortality.

Like to the Lightning from the Skie,
Or like a Poſt that quicke doth hie,
Or like a Quaver in ſhort Song,
Or like a Iourney three dayes long.
Or like the Snow when Sommer's come,
Or like the Peare, or like the Plum:

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VERSES OF MANS RESVRRECTION.

72 LIke to the Seed put in Earths Wombe,
Or like dead *Lazarus* in his Tombe,
Or like *Tabitha*, being asleepe,
Or *Ionas*-like, within the Deepe,

Or

Or like the Night, or Starres by day,
Which ſeemes to vaniſh cleane away:
Even ſo this Death, Mans life bereaves,
But being dead, Man Death deceives.
The Seed it ſpringeth, *Lazarus* ſtandeth,
Tabitha walkes, and *Ionas* landeth;

Verſes of Mans Reſurrection.

The Night is paſt, the Starres remaine:
So Man that dyes, ſhall live againe.

Mors mea eſt vita mihi.

FINIS.

The Bell-mans Sound for the *fifth of November.*

73 AWake *Britaines* Subjects all with one accord,
Extoll and prayse and magnifie the Lord,

 Humble

The Bell-mans Sound for the 5. of November.

Humble your ſelves, and with devotion ſing
Prayſes of thankes to God, for our moſt gracious King.
This was the Night, where in a darkeſome Cell,
Treaſon was found in Earth, but hatcht in Hell.
And had it tooke effect, what would avail'd our ſorrow,
The traine being laid to have blown't up o'th'morrow.

Yet God our Guide, reveal'd the damned Plot,
And they themſelves deſtroy'd, and we were not.
Then let us not forget, him thankes to render,
That hath preſerv'd and kept our Faiths Defender.

FINIS.

The Bell-mans Sound.

74 THe Night wel ſpent, the Day drawes nigh,
Awake from ſleepe, and ſinne defie,
All ſluggiſh ſloth expell away,
Have ſtill in minde the Iudgement Day.

When Dead ſhall riſe at Trumpets Call,
The Graves ſhall open wide withall.
Awake from ſleepe, awake from ſinne,
With voice and heart to call on him,
Who from above pleas'd to deſcend,
From Satans malice to defend

 Our

Our forfeit Soules; to that rich Grace,
Where we may ſtill behold his Face,
Let us repaire, and God implore,
That henceforth we tranſgreſſe no more;
And that our joy be at this Tyde,
That we in him be ſatisfy'de.

Then ſhall we all for his deare ſake,
Be bleſt aſleepe, be bleſt awake.

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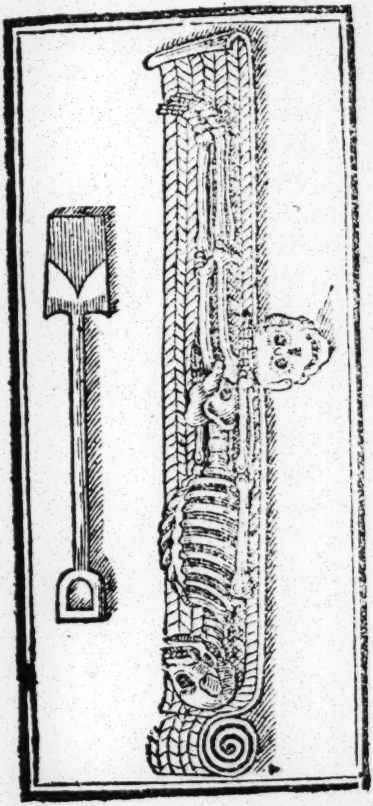

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